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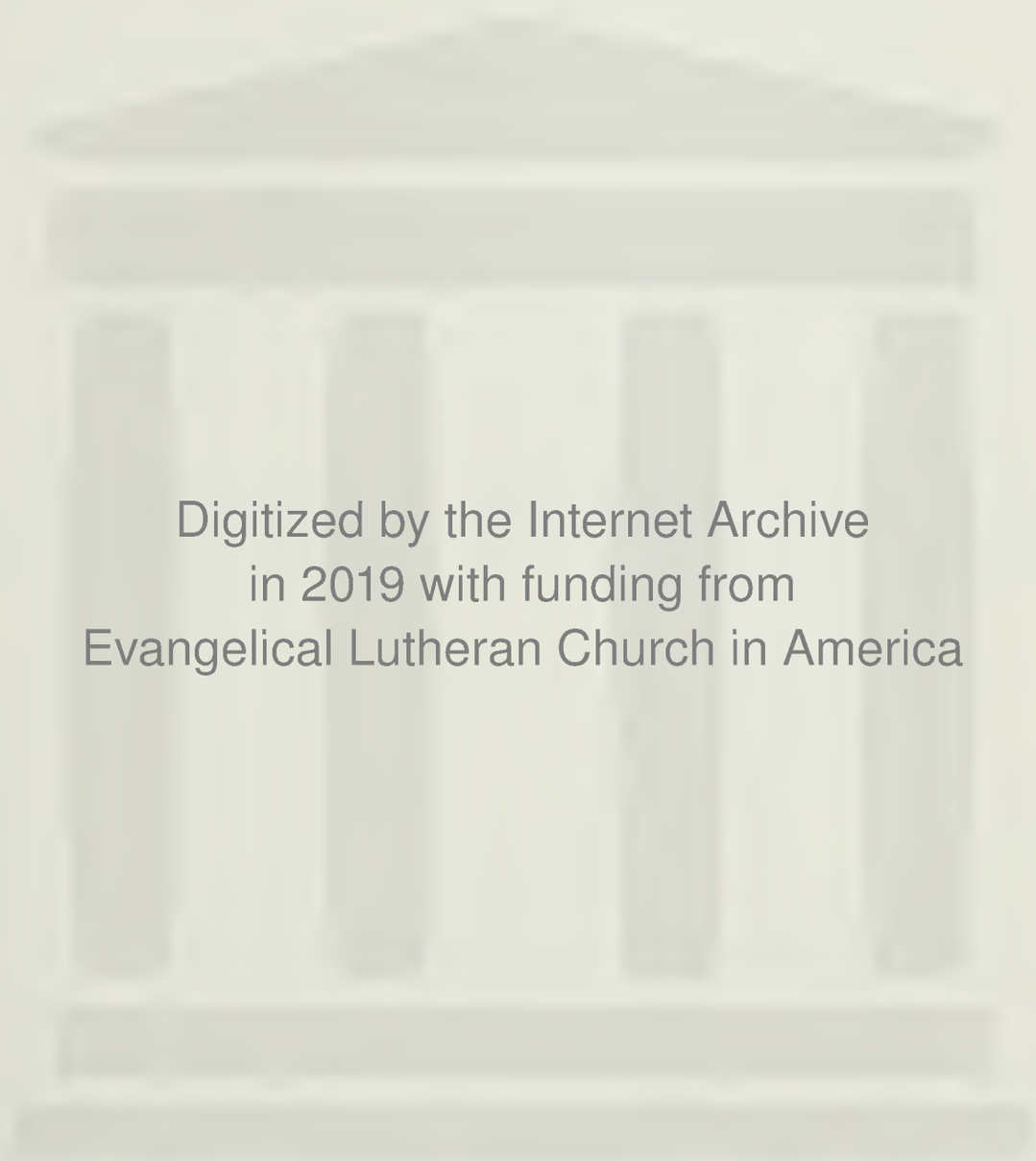

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-eighth Convention

OF THE

General Council

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

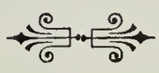
in North America,

HELD IN

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,

LIMA, OHIO.

OCTOBER 10–15, 1901.



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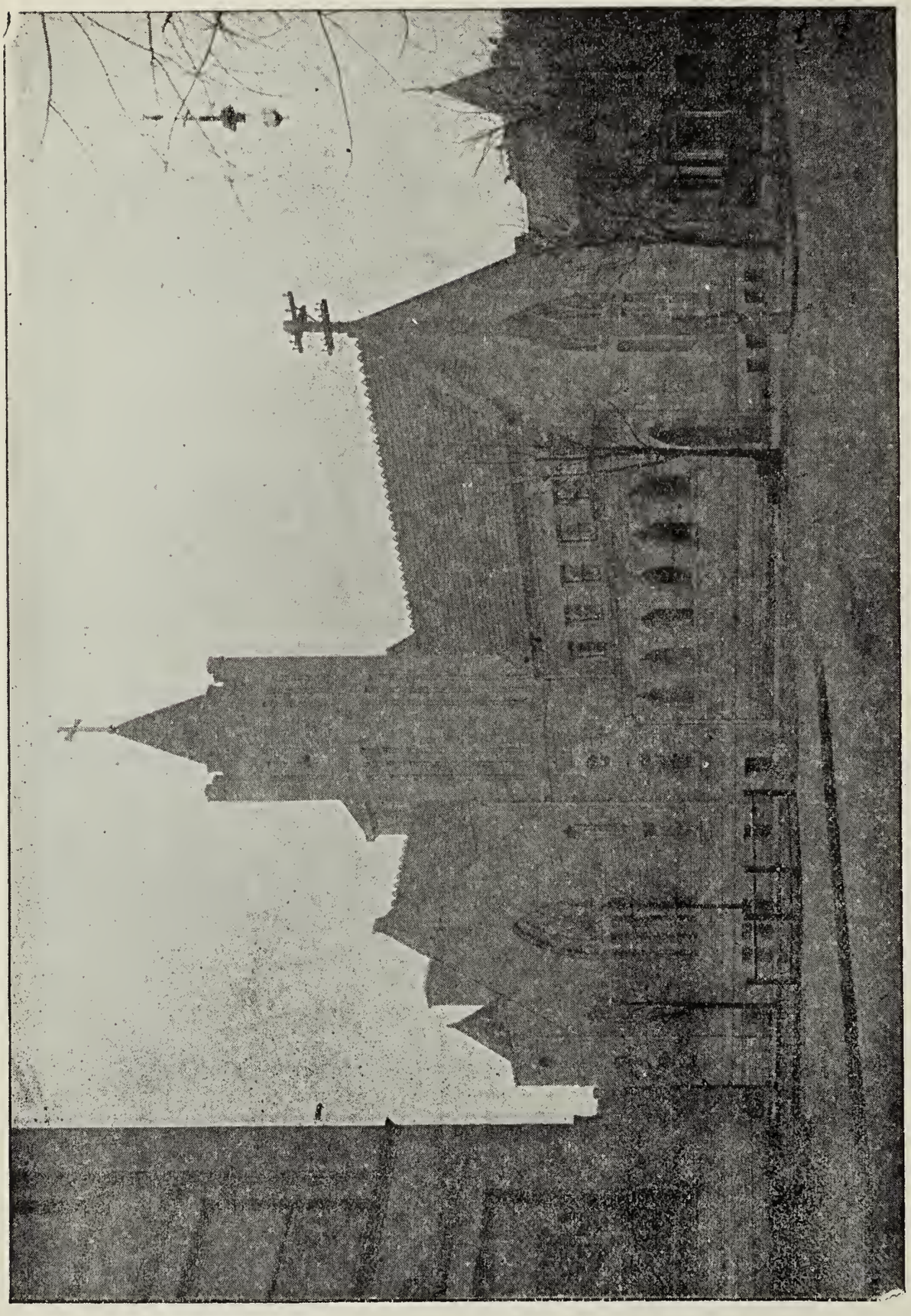

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,

785 West High Street, Lima, Ohio.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church was chartered in 1880, and the first church-edifice erected in the same year. The present handsome building was erected in 1899. The following pastors have labored here: Rev. L. H. Geschwind, 1873–1875; Rev. J. G. Neiffer, 1875–1883; Rev. J. H. Hunton, 1885–1897; Rev. Charles S. Kohler, 1897–1899; and Rev. Frank P. Bossart, since 1899.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Eighth Convention of the General Council.

OPENING SERVICE.

St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio.

Thursday, October 10, A. D., 1901.

The Twenty-eighth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio, the Rev. Frank P. Bossart, pastor, commencing October 10, 1901. The Confessional Service, held in the Sunday-School room at 9.30 A. M., was conducted by the President, the Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D., and the German Recording Secretary, the Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., and consisted of the Order for Public Confession.

At 10 A. M., the delegates proceeded in due order to the auditorium of the church, where the opening service was held, the Rev. William K. Frick, the English Recording Secretary, conducting the liturgical service. The President of the General Council preached the sermon. The text was 1 Corinthians 12:4-15, and the theme—"Diversity and Unity in the Church." The Holy Communion was administered to the members of the Council and visiting brethren.

First Session.

St. Paul's Church,

Thursday, October 10, 1901, 2 P. M.

The President of the General Council opened the convention, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods.."

The Roll of the Council, as ascertained by credentials deposited with the President, was called. As finally made up, it is as follows:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

1. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Franklin J. F. Schantz, D.D., *ex-officio*,	Mr. Thomas W. Saeger,
" Prof. Stephen A. Repass, D.D.,	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.,
" " Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.,	Mr. George W. March,
" Oliver P. Smith, D.D.,	" Oliver Williams,
" Prof. Solomon E. Ochsenford, D.D.,	" Irwin G. Romich,
" Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D.,	William H. Staake, Esq.,
" Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D.,	C. Albert Sandt, Esq.,
" Andrew S. Fichthorn,	Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz,
" Jeremiah F. Ohl, Mus.D.,	Mr. Amon W. Geiger,
" S. Addison Ziegenfuss, D.D.,	Samuel C. Seiple, M. D.,
" Charles J. Cooper, D.D.,	Mr. Frank P. D. Miller,
" John H. Waidelich,	" Louis VanGilluwe,
" James O. Schlenker,	" George F. Herman,
" Jesse S. Erb,	" Alvin S. Haines,
" William D. C. Keiter,	" Charles B. Opp,
" Robert D. Roeder,	" James M. Snyder,
" Edward E. Sibole, D.D.,	" Edward F. Ochs,
" Frederick P. Mayser,	" James G. Finley,
" Henry Offermann,	" William P. Braun,
" Edward T. Horn, D.D.,	" Zachariah T. Britton.
" C. F. William Hoppe,	
" James L. Becker,	
" Oscar E. Pflueger,	
" Frederick Wischan,	
" Charles L. Fry,	
" James F. Lambert,	
" John E. Whitteker, D.D.	

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2. Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and Adjacent States and Countries.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. George C. F. Haas, D.D., *ex-officio*,	Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann,
" John A. W. Haas,	" William Hengerer,
" John A. W. Kirsch,	" Gustav Kleindienst,
" Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.,	" Jacob Gimlich.
" Christian G. Fischer,	
" Gustav Doering,	
" Ernst Heyd,	
" Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D.,	
" Ernst F. Bachmann,	
" Gustavus A. Bierdemann, D.D.,	
" Prof. John Nicum, D.D.,	
" Hermann Liebich,	
" Werner L. Genzmer,	
" Herman J. Berkemeier,	
" J. Luther Sibole.	

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3. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Clerical.

Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., *ex-officio*,
" Isaac O. Baker,
" Jacob C. Kunzman, D.D.,
" George W. Spiggle,
" David H. Geissinger, D.D.,
" Henry W. Roth. D.D.,
" J. Lawson Smith, D.D.,
" Adolphus L. Yount, D.D.,
" Prof. Elmer F. Krauss,
" Duncan M. Kemerer,
" Gustave A. Benze,
" James Q. Waters.

Lay.

Mr. W. Warren Wattles,
" Samuel J. Beck,
J. Boyd Duff, Esq..
John W. King, Esq.,
Mr. Fred Lingenfelser,
" J. Louis Frederick,
" George Siefert,
" John W. Hartzell,
" J. Adam Ripper,
" J. H. A. Wunderlich,
" Edwin Saeger.

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4. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Clerical.

Rev. Frank Richards, D.D., *ex-officio*,
" John H. Hunton,
" George W. Mechling, D.D.,
" Albert F. Siebert.

Lay.

Prof. D. Curtis Cooper,
Mr. Erle F. Earhart,
Hon. Isaac S. Motter,
Mr. Henry F. Ehler. —8

5. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

Clerical.

Rev. Prof. Conrad E. Lindberg, D.D.,
" Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D.,
" John Telleen, D.D.,
" Adolph Hult, B.D.,
" Peter Peterson,
" Alfred Bergin, A.M., B.D.,
" Fritz Jacobson, Ph.D.,
" August Norrbom,
" Frank A. Johnson,
" Laurentius G. Abrahamson, D.D., K.N.O.
" Carl A. Evald, D.D.,
" John A. Sandell, B.D.,
" David A. Loefgren,
" Edward Stark,
" Frank S. Swensson,
" Carl J. Bengston,
" A. W. Stark,
" Carl E. Elving,
" Carl E. Benson,
" Aaron Aaron.
" Julius Lincoln.

Lay.

Prof. Claude W. Foss, Ph.D.,
Hans J. Englund, M.D.,
Mr. Clemens P. Peterson,
Carl R. Chindblom, Esq.,
Joseph B. Oakleaf, Esq.,
Prof. Carl F. Carlbert, Ph.D.,
Hon. L. M. Noling.

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6. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Clerical.

Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, *ex-officio*,
" John Strempfer.

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7. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Martin L. Wagner, *ex-officio*,	Mr. Charles T. A. Anderson,
" Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D.,	" William Bremer,
" Hiram Peters.	" Martin L. Deck. — 6

8. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Clerical.

Rev. George H. Trabert, D.D., *ex-officio*.
" Alfred Ramsey. — 2

9. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Rev. F. Beer, *ex-officio*. — 1

10. The Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Herman A. W. Yung. — 1

Number of Delegates Present.

Clerical, 87. Lay, 49. Total, 136.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the Lutheran Church of Sweden.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Knute Henning Gezelius von Scheele, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Visby, Sweden.

From the General Synod.

The Rev. Prof. David H. Bauslin, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

Names of Visiting Clergymen in the Unity of the Faith with the General Council.

Rev. Jacob Ash,
" R. Arps,
" H. H. Bachman,
" Perry Baisler,
" Oliver D. Baltzly,
" Wm. A. Beates,
" Herman Brezing,
" V. B. Christy,
" C. L. V. Dozer,
" C. H. Eckhardt,
" R. E. M. Engers,
" Wm. J. Finck,
" Wm. K. Frick,
" Chas. H. Hemsath,
" Benj. F. Hoefer,
" Chas. K. Hunton,
" W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.,
" Luther M. Hogshead.
Rev. Calvin F. Kuder,
" E. J. Kuhlman,
" S. W. Kuhns,
" Preston A. Laury,
" R. E. McDaniel, Ph.D.,
" J. G. Neiffer,
" E. M. Potts,
" Geo. U. Preuss,
" Luther D. Reed,
" J. J. S. Rumbarger,
" G. Schmogrow,
" Geo. H. Schnur,
" C. E. Schweikert,
" J. H. Smith,
" Geo. C. Smith,
" Luther J. Smith,
Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.

The President read his official report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The wonderful 19th century has taken its farewell since the last meeting of the General Council, and a new century has been ushered in on the arena of time. The old century made its entrance in blood. The French Revolution inaugurated one of the most terrible periods in the world's history. It was declared that there is no God, and all law and order were abandoned. The mighty Napoleon subdued not only France, but endeavored to conquer the world, and it almost looked for a time, as if he would succeed. The old world was nearly everywhere ablaze with war, and the conditions were shocking. But Napoleon had his Waterloo, and out of the chaos dawned a new era, and since then the most wonderful changes, development, inventions and progress have taken place in all spheres of human life. Nations, that a hundred years ago seemed to be of little importance, have been transformed into mighty empires; and, while this has been accomplished as it appears, mainly through the terrible means of war, it is, however, to be believed that the King of Kings, and God of nations, has held the reins, and that the destinies of the nations shall correspond with His original plans.

Our own land, that a century ago consisted only of a few small states and territories, with a limited number of inhabitants, has become a mighty world power. Revolutions, oppressions and conditions of want and suffering in the old world have caused millions of people to leave the lands of their fathers, and seek these hospitable shores in order to avail themselves of the unparalleled political and religious freedom that the United States offers; and this accounts very largely for the remarkable growth both of state and church. God, who has determined the bounds of the habitation of men, has certainly also directed this emigration. But what His deeply laid plans are in causing such vast masses of people from all over the world to gather here is as yet impossible

to fully comprehend. While the advantages we have are great blessings of God, intended to promote the welfare of the people, both temporally and spiritually, they may become a source of temptation and danger if they are not enjoyed in a humble and God-fearing spirit. We notice this when we consider the social, political and religious conditions in the land. It often happens that those who suffered most before they came, are the hardest to please, and when it comes to foment trouble and discontent, they are generally the foremost and most unreasonable. Nevertheless, the blessings of God still abound, and hardly had the first emigrant landed here before he planted his church among the people and ever since it has kept pace with other institutions, and with the growth and progress of the nation. Particularly, has our Lutheran church been richly blessed in our land, during the past century. One hundred years ago it was only like a mustard seed, but it has grown and developed, until now it has become a mighty tree. The Lutheran Church in America, a century ago, had only two synods with a limited number of pastors and congregations, and about twenty-five thousand members. To-day the number of Lutheran pastors and congregations in our land is many thousands. The membership counts up into millions. The General Council constitutes a considerable part of this vast army of Lutherans, and it is steadily growing. With the holy means of grace, by which God has endowed it, with its seminaries, colleges, academies, literary and charitable institutions, it will certainly exert a powerful influence on the religious, physical, social and political welfare of the nation; provided, that the respective synods continue to work in full harmony, not for their own glory, but for the glory of God, and the salvation of men. All selfishness, and everything that has a tendency to disturb the confidence, good feeling and understanding between the synods should be carefully avoided. During the past two years very little cause for misunderstanding between the synods has occurred.

A little over a year ago, at the meeting of the Augustana

Synod at Burlington, Iowa, the Minnesota Conference brought in a complaint over some irregularities said to have been committed by some pastor belonging to the synod of the Northwest, and the synod without looking into the matter passed a resolution, calling upon your President, and the Home Mission Board of the Council to investigate the case, and have it corrected. I do not know if said Board took any action, but I know that the President of the Augustana Synod made an investigation, and that on his recommendation,the resolution passed at the meeting in Burlington was rescinded at the last meeting of the Synod.

In reference to our church papers, let me only mention the *Lutheran.* It is a splendid paper, and it cannot be recommended too strongly. It should be found and studied in every home within the General Council.

From our Mission Boards, as well as from the Board of Publication, and so forth, special reports will be presented to this meeting, wherefore it is unnecessary to make any statement thereof in this report. I cannot, however, omit to mention the great, and it would seem irreparable loss sustained by the foreign mission in the unexpected and lamentable death of our dear brother, Rev. Weiskotten, on his home journey from India. May God console the family of the departed brother, and bless our missions.

Having consulted the Presidents of most of our District Synods, I some time ago appointed Rev. Dr. Laird a delegate to the General Lutheran Conference that was held at Lund, Sweden, and at Copenhagen, Denmark, the first part of last month. I also appointed Rev. Passavant a delegate to the same conference, but the sudden summons by the messenger from eternity, prevented him from going. The charitable institutions founded by his father, and prospering under the supervision of Rev. Passavant have certainly suffered a great loss. After it had been decided that Dr. Abrahamson should represent the Augustana Synod at the aforesaid Lutheran conference, he was also appointed a delegate from the General Council.

Dr. O. Olson, and a number of other able and faithful laborers within the Council, have also been called to their last reward. May the Lord grant consolation to their families, and prepare us all for our last journey.

The new century made its entrance into the world in a manner as if it had been sent to renew the old divine message of peace and good-will unto men. The sky was clear, the sun sent down his rays over mankind as in centuries past, and everything looked hopeful, and inspiring; when suddenly on the 6th of September a very dark cloud arose, and a report came from Buffalo that shocked the whole civilized world. A young anarchist had deliberately, and without the least provocation, shot William McKinley, the beloved President of our land; one of the noblest, most able and pious Presidents that this nation ever had. He fought bravely against death, and everything possible to save his valuable life was done, until Saturday morning, the 14th of September, when he, with the words, "Nearer my God to Thee," on his lips, succumbed to his wounds. This is a most lamentable loss, not only to our land, but also to other nations, and it has caused the most bitter grief, all over the civilized world. But while this loss in itself is very great, if not irreparable, the saddest thing, however, seems to be that the most delusive sentiments of anarchism have a fruitful soil, even in this land with its splendid government, free institutions and numberless advantages, particularly for the poor. It may be that the laws against anarchy are too lenient, and that more stringent measures will be adopted against it, but however that may be, our church has a mission even against that delusion. The search-light of the Word of God must be directed against it, and the saving influences of the gospel applied as a curative, even for this spiritual leprosy. May God ever be with the sorrowing widow, and fill her heart with peace.

The same day that the President died I sent the following telegram to Mr. Cortelyou:

"In behalf of the General Council of the Lutheran

Church in North America, I extend most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. McKinley in this hour of bitter grief. Her loss is also the nation's loss, and all the people mourn with her. May God give consolation in this hour of deepest sorrow."

An application from the Pacific Lutheran Synod for admission into the General Council has been received and will in due time be laid before this body.

Last spring, when I learned that the Rt. Rev. Bishop von Scheele from Visby, Sweden, had decided to visit America this fall, I extended to him a cordial welcome in behalf of the General Council, also inviting him to this meeting, and I am glad to be able to inform you that we will have the privilege of having him with us next Monday.

Your Humble Servant,

M. C. RANSEEN.

LIMA, OHIO, OCT. 10TH, 1901.

The report was received and referred to a committee, subsequently appointed.

In the eighth session, the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as here follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on the President's Report begs to present the following:

We have carefully read and examined the excellent Report of the President. We find ourselves in entire agreement with the statements of the Report touching the general and particular subjects to which it refers.

I. We rejoice sincerely, that, during the last biennium very little misunderstanding between the synods has occurred, and we endorse the sentiment of the Report and of the official sermon "that all selfishness, and everything that has a tendency to disturb the confidence, good feeling and understanding between the synods should be most carefully avoided."

II. The commendation of our church papers, and especially of the *Lutheran*, should be emphasized, so that all our

pastors could feel constrained to urge their people to take, and and read these publications as a chief means of information concerning the work of the church, the needs of the church, and the duties and opportunities of her members.

III. The appointment by the President, in consultation with the Vice Presidents, of the Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., and the Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, as fraternal delegates to the recent General Lutheran Conference at Lund, Sweden, is heartily approved.

IV. The prompt action of the President in sending an earnest message of sympathy and condolence to Mrs. McKinley in the hour of her terrible bereavement and of the nation's measureless loss, is most fully commended.

V. That God's Word is the true and only effectual remedy for the leprosy of sin, and especially for that horrible form of sin known as Anarchy should be doubly emphasized as the unqualified teaching of our Lutheran Church.

VI. The cordial welcome to America, extended by the President to the Rt. Rev. Bishop von Scheele, of Sweden, on behalf of the General Council, and the invitation to the Bishop to visit the Council during this convention is warmly concurred in, and the announcement that the invitation has been accepted is received with great pleasure.

VII. While humbly submitting to the holy and omniscient will of God in calling from our earthly fellowship to their heavenly rewards our brethren who were faithfully working with us at our last convention, we would place a minute on our record to the honor of their names, and in attestation of the exemplary character and worthiness of their lives.

1. The Rev. F. W. Weiskotten was born, January 10, 1842, ordained to the ministry in 1868, died at sea, December 15, 1900, on his return voyage from the India Mission field, whither he had been sent by the Board of Foreign Missions to inspect the field and to report on its condition and needs. His death under such circumstances, and in the prime of his usefulness, was deeply felt and deplored. He served the

General Council four years as German Secretary. He was an efficient member of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Publication Board, and of the German Home Mission Board. He was eminently faithful in good work, and "his works do follow him."

2. Rev. Prof. Olaf Olson, Ph.D., D.D., late President of the Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., was born March 31, 1841. Died May 12, 1900. He was an eminent leader in the Augustana Synod, and his influence was felt throughout the whole Lutheran Church in America. In his death the church has lost a strong defender of the faith, a distinguished scholar and educator, whose memory will be an inspiration to coming generations to faithful and unselfish service in the cause of the master.

3. The Rev. S. L. Harkey, D.D., was born in the year 1827 and died September 23, 1901. He was a faithful pastor and preacher, and an able and earnest defender of the Christian faith. With tongue and pen, in principle and practice, he stood for all that is consistent in doctrine and noble in life. He served the General Council as its English Recording Secretary during the years 1884 and 1885.

4. Rev. William A. Passavant, Jr., was born January 23, 1857. Died very suddenly July 1, 1901. It is hardly possible to speak too highly of the estimable, manly, Christian character, the eminent gifts and the invaluable and far-reaching services rendered to the church by this devoted Brother. He served the General Council with zeal and efficiency on the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension, and as its Superintendent of English Home Missions. But especially in the works of mercy, of the Deaconess Cause, and inner Missions was he actively engaged at the time of his death. His earnest career should be an incentive to the whole church to prosecute this particular line of Christian activity with renewed zeal in all the cities of our land.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. H. Geissinger, G. H. Trabert, Isaac S. Motter,
G. H. Gerberding, C. R. Chindblom, Wm. Hengerer,
J. E. Whitteker, E. Neudoerffer, Fr. Beer.

Application of the Pacific Synod.

Application having been made by the recently organized Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for admission into the General Council, it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth

Resolved, That the petition of the Pacific Synod be received and referred to a committee to be appointed later.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed the following as tellers: For President and Treasurer—Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D., C. R. Chindblom, Esq., and Mr. J. L. Frederick; for the Recording Secretaries—Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Rev. A. Bergin and Mr. Chas. T. A. Anderson; and for the Corresponding Secretaries—Rev. G. A. Benze, Mr. F. P. D. Miller and J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

A question of constitutional interpretation having arisen, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, the election of all secretaries was postponed until the following morning.

The first ballot resulted in the election of the Treasurer. After a second ballot, the election of the President was made unanimous. At the second session, Friday morning, the President announced the following ruling: "According to the letter of our Constitution all the Secretaries must be elected from the number of Delegates."

The special order of business was suspended to allow the completion of the election. After a second ballot the Tellers announced the election of the English Recording Secretary, and the English Recording Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the Council for the German and the Swedish Corresponding Secretaries.

As the result of the election, the officers of the General Council are as follows:

President—Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D., Chicago, Ill.

English Recording Secretary—Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

German Recording Secretary—Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Swedish Recording Secretary—Rev. Frank A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

English Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Stephen A. Repass, D.D., Allentown, Pa.

German Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Christian G. Fischer, Elizabeth, N. J.

Swedish Corresponding Secretary—Rev. A. W. Stark, Dekalb, Ill.

Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Presidents of the several Synods, except the one from which the President is chosen, are *ex-officio* the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

The English Recording Secretary, the Rev. W. K. Frick, presented the following:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, at its meeting last evening, resolved to propose to the General Council the following:

1.--A MEMORANDUM OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF 1899.

I. Church Book.

P. 105. Mission Edition.
P. 107. Common Order of Ministerial Acts and Common Hymn Book.
P. 119. Orders of Service for Sunday School Festivals.

II. Discussions.

P. 145. Luther League Theses.
P. 92. Theses on Marriage in its Relations to Divorce.

III. District Synods.

P. 133. Synod of Oregon and Washington.
P. 147. Luther League Theses.

IV. Education.

P. 45. Standing Committee.

V. Foreign Missions.

P. 66. Inspection of India Work; Synodical Presidents to Commend.
P. 68. Porto Rico.
P. 133. Half of Board to be elected every two years.

VI. General Conference.

Pp. 137, 149.

VII. General Synod.

Pp. 148, 149. Conference with General Synod.

VII. German Church Paper.

Pp. 74-7, 132.

VIII. Home Missions.

P. 59. Apportionments; Reformation Day Offerings.
P. 65. Missionary Conference; Missionary Statistics.
Pp. 77, 78. Collections for Erecting Churches.
P. 78. Sunday School Field Secretary.
P. 149. Arbitration.

IX. Jewish Mission.

P. 112. (Tenth Trinity Sunday.)

X. Miscellaneous.

P. 65. Blanks for Synodical Statistics.
P. 71. Icelandic Synod.
P. 139, 140. Convocation of Church Musicians.

XI. Publication Matters.

P. 48. German Scripture Quarterlies; Rebate on Sunday School Supplies; Arrangements with Mr. E. Kaufmann.
P. 49. German Sunday School Paper, and German Graded Work.
P. 52. Discount to other Publication Boards.
Pp. 104, 105. Iowa Synod's Request.
P. 105. Almanac; Kirchenbuch.
P. 133. Books of Lutheran Authors.
P. 140. Publication of Music; Digest of Laws and Regulations.
P. 147. Room for Archives.

XII. Secretarial Duties.

P. 114. Finnish Resolution.
P. 140. Allgemeine Lutherische Conferenz.

XIII. Sunday School Work.

(See also Publication Matters.)

P. 44. Common Lutheran System.
P. 45. Co-operation with Committee on Education.
P. 48. Additional Apparatus.
P. 49. Additional German Lessons; Expenses of German Sub-Committee.

2.--MEMORANDUM OF MATTERS IN SYNODICAL MINUTES REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Referred to a sub-committee to report later. The report was presented in the ninth session and action taken.

3.--HOURS OF MEETING.

Business Sessions: 8.30 to 11.30 A. M., and 1.30 to 4.30 P. M.; Vespers, 7.30 P. M.

4.--SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE SEVERAL DAYS.

Friday Morning.—Foreign Mission Work.
English Home Missions.
Friday Afternoon.—German Home Missions.
Swedish Home Mission Work.
Immigrant Mission Work.
Jewish Mission Work.

Church Book and Sunday-School Book.

Saturday Morning.—Sunday-School Work.

Saturday Afternoon.—Report of Publication Board.
German Church Paper.

Monday Morning.—10 A. M., Reception of Bishop Von Scheele, of Sweden.
Deaconess Work.

Monday Afternoon.—Report of Visitors to other General Bodies.
Conference with the General Synod.
Arbitration. General Conference.
Reception of Official Visitors.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Organists' Convocation.
Educational Committee.

5.--OFFICIAL REPORTERS.

Rev. D. M. Kemerer, assisted by the Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., and Alfred Ramsey.

WILLIAM K. FRICK, Secretary.

The report was received and the following action taken:

Resolved, That the Memorandum of Unfinished Business be entered on the Minutes for consideration as the Topics come up.

Resolved, That the report of the sub-committee be heard at a subsequent session.

Resolved, That the recommendations touching the hours of meeting, special orders and official reporters be approved.

Discussion of Thesis.

The Luther League Theses were laid on the table to be taken up at the pleasure of the Council.

The Theses on "Marriage in its relation to Divorce" were taken up for discussion and the first thesis was considered, to wit:

1. MARRIAGE, according to God's Law, is a covenant indissoluble for life.

A considerable part of the session was devoted to the discussion of this thesis.

Pending a motion of the Rev. Dr. Seiss to strike out the word "indissoluble," the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D.

Second Session.

Friday, October 11, 8.30 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., President of the Pittsburgh Synod.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

The President appointed the following

Regular Committees.

1. On the President's Report: Revs. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., E. Neudoerffer and F. Beer; Mr. Wm. Hengerer, Hon. I. S. Motter and C. R. Chindblom, Esq.

2. On the reception of the Pacific Synod: Revs. S. A. Repass, D.D., Prof. John Nicum, D.D., J. H. Hunton, Frank A. Johnson, A. Ramsey, and J. Strempfer; Messrs. W. W. Wattles and M. L. Deck.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the General Council be tendered to the Rev. Prof. Wm. K. Frick for the faithful and efficient services which he has given during the years covered by his several terms as English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

The special order of business was suspended in order to complete the election of officers, after which the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board presented the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Pending the reading of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. Q. Waters.

Third Session.

Friday, October 11, 1.30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Siebert, of the District Synod of Ohio. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. C. J. Cooper, it was

Resolved, That the privilege of voice on the floor of the General Council, during this convention, be granted to the Rev. Wm. K. Frick.

The special order of business for the afternoon session was suspended in order to finish the reading of the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. The report, as presented, is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of this Board is to bring those who are living in heathen darkness to "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," to inform the ignorant and to bring souls to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

This object the Board has kept constantly in mind and during the two years just ended all its efforts have been directed to its accomplishment to as great a degree as possible. That there have been failures, that plans have been frustrated, hopes not realized and efforts unavailing must with regret be admitted, but on the other hand we are confident that some good has been accomplished, some good seed has been planted that will bring forth fruit unto eternal life, some blessing has rested and will rest upon the work the Church is doing in distant lands for the kingdom of Christ. For this we thank God and earnestly pray Him to make all who are actively engaged in this work or interested in its prosecution more faithful, more zealous, and more and more filled with the mind and spirit of Christ Jesus.

THE BOARD.

The Board as appointed at your last meeting consisted of sixteen members. Of these one, the Rev. J. Luther Sibole, has resigned, having removed from Philadelphia to Buffalo, N. Y., and two, Mr. J. Washington Miller and the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten were taken from us by death. All of these brethren were greatly interested in our work, attended the meetings regularly and took an intelligent and active part in the proceedings. Their removal was a decided loss, for their long connection with the work gave them an acquaintance with the details and an experience which were of great value to the Board. The following were elected to

fill the vacancies thus created: The Rev. S. Addison Ziegenfuss, D.D.; Mr. Chas. B. Opp; and the Rev. Reinhold Bielinski.

These brethren accepted their appointment and have faithfully discharged the duties assigned them.

In this connection it might be said that Mr. Chas. A. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., has not been present at a single meeting of the Board since he was made a member of it, owing, we believe, to the great distance he is obliged to travel in order to get to the place of meeting.

Mr. Smith's absence has been a source of regret, as his presence might have been helpful to the Board and of service to the cause in that part of the Church in which he is most actively engaged. But his inability to attend raises the question: "Is it advisable to make a man a member of the Board who lives at such a remote distance from the place of meeting?"

As you will hear the Board can not do its work by meeting three or four times a year, but must come together frequently, sometimes at very short notice, and a tax involving time, strength and money is imposed upon the members who reside far away, which few busy men are able to meet.

The Board has held 38 meetings, every one being attended by more than a quorum. It organized as follows:

President—The Rev. H. Grahn, D.D.

English Secretary—The Rev. J. Luther Sibole.

German Secretary—Mr. Conrad Itter.

Corresponding Secretary—The Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.

Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq.

Subsequently, owing to the removal of the Rev. J. Luther Sibole to Buffalo, and his resignation from the Board, Mr. Albert Oetinger, of Philadelphia, was elected to fill the office of English Secretary.

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The Rev. J. Telleen, D.D., has continued to fill the important office of Superintendent, with the exception of the months of July, August and September 1901 when, at the request of the Trustees of the Greensburg (Pa.) Seminary, he was allowed to devote his time to the interests of that institution. By his activity and consecrated zeal Dr. Telleen has been able to keep alive the interest of many in our efforts to send the Gospel to the heathen.

THE TREASURER.

With the close of the past Council year, William H. Staake, Esq., has completed 25 years of service as the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund. During all this time, at great personal and financial cost, he has served the cause most faithfully and devotedly.

The Board therefore desires to put on record its appreciation of his eminently efficient services, and trusts that the General Council will heartily endorse this sentiment of heartfelt gratitude for the arduous labors so cheerfully performed.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The Revs. F. W. Weiskotten, E. E. Sibole, D.D., and Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., and Mr. Jos. A. Bremer, represented the Board at the Ecumenical Conference for Foreign Missions held in New York in March 1900.

THE MISSION PAPERS.

The circulation of *The Missions-Bote* is 11,700 copies and that of *The Foreign Missionary* 7000 copies.

By means of these two papers we try to reach the German and English members of the Church and to interest them in the work of bringing the heathen to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus. While the Board is thankful for the reception given *The Missions-Bote* and *The Foreign Missionary* in many places it believes that their circulation might be very greatly increased if the Pastors and the Superintendents of Sunday Schools would take a little more active interest in

them and in the cause they aim to promote. As it is these papers are of great assistance in the prosecution of our work for they inform their readers of what is being done. But if their circulation could be doubled they would bring material help to the general treasury.

But along with the subscribing for our papers there should be a conscientious determining to pay the small amount annually charged. We do not care for the first without the second.

At a recent meeting of the Board the Agent reported subscriptions due for *The Foreign Missionary* amounting to about Four Hundred Dollars. Were this sum put into our treasury in the near future it could be turned to very good account.

Owing to the death of the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, who for years had ably edited *The Missions-Bote*, it became necessary to elect a new editor. During Mr. Weiskotten's absence in India, the President of the Board, the Rev. H. Grahn, D.D., acted in that capacity, continuing, after his death, to discharge the duties of the position until the Rev. Reinhold Bielinski was called to take the editorial management of the paper. Mr. Bielinski began his work with the No. for April, 1901, and we believe that our readers will have no occasion to find fault with our choice.

The Foreign Missionary is still being well edited by the Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., and the Rev. E. R. Cassaday. Their experience and interest in the work are of great benefit to the paper. By request of the Board the Rev. C. A. Blomgren, Ph.D., gives to the Swedish papers such items of interest respecting our work as in his judgment will prove beneficial to the cause. In this way the Swedish portion of the church receives information from the Board and the field which no doubt tends greatly to an active participation in the work of Foreign Missions.

All these editors and correspondents render their services gratuitously, and we therefore recommend that the General

Council express its appreciation of the labor so cheerfully and satisfactorily given to the church.

INSPECTOR SENT TO THE FIELD.

The desirability of sending some one to inspect the field in India, who would also be clothed with authority to decide questions and settle difficulties which were perplexing us and hindering the progress of the work, became more and more apparent as the months passed by and the letters of the various missionaries came to hand. At length it was proposed that the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, who was at the time the pastor of St. James' (German) Church, Philadelphia, should be appointed Inspector, and go to India as the duly authorized representative of the Board. To this proposition Mr. Weiskotten consented, St. James' Church having also agreed to grant him leave of absence for this particular purpose.

Accordingly on Sept. 4, 1900, he left New York on the "Deutschland" for Hamburg, from which city he made his way to India, arriving about Oct. 20th at Rajahmundry, the headquarters of our missionary operations. Here he was cordially received by all the members of our Missionary family and by the native Christians, and in the minds of all there was an earnest hope that his coming would be the beginning of the end of the unhappy condition of affairs that has existed there for years, but has come to a crisis in more recent times.

On his way thither Mr. Weiskotten visited other mission fields and by a personal examination of their plans and methods sought to better qualify himself for the difficult task that awaited him on our own field of labor. During his stay in India he was, as all who knew him can very well understand, untiring in his efforts to see the field, the laborers and the work they were doing. The natives were surprised at the energy and activity displayed and the ground covered. The time was, however, too short and the work in hand too vast for him to engage in any lengthy correspondence, and consequently his letters to the Board were few and brief, fully expecting, as we all understood, to give us on his return a full

and detailed account of all he had seen and done. One thing, nevertheless, he did which will doubtless prove of great value to the Mission from this time forth. In company with the Missionaries and Zenana Sisters he prepared a revised form of our Rules and Regulations which has been approved by the Board and will in due time be printed and formally promulgated for the future government of all concerned. Having, as he thought, completed his work of inspection Mr. Weiskotten left India about Dec. 1, 1900, and started on his homeward journey. As far as we are informed he was in good health at that time, but on Dec. 9, while at sea, he was taken ill, and on Dec. 15, when the vessel was off the coast of France he closed his eyes in death. At home were loving hearts awaiting his return and an anxious Board expecting great results from the journey on which they had sent him. Imagine then the shock they all sustained when on the last day of December, 1900, the news reached us that two weeks before our beloved Brother had departed this life and his body consigned to a watery grave. Our expectations were all dashed to the ground.

Among his effects little, apart from the revised Rules and Regulations already mentioned, was found that could assist us in our work or relieve the situation on the field. Had Mr. Weiskotten not been taken ill so soon after leaving India he doubtless would have reduced to writing his impressions and opinions of what came to his notice, but this was impossible under the circumstances. We regret it, but bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

One of the greatest needs of our field in India has been Missionaries. More men were needed to take the places of those who had resigned and to prosecute the work in new stations. In the Spring of 1900 two young men, who were about to graduate from the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, were called by the Board to labor in India. They were the Rev. Gomer B. Matthews and the Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer.

These brethren were solemnly consecrated for the work

to which they had been called, the first named on August 1, 1900, in St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa., and the second on Sept. 2, 1900, in St. James' (German) Church, Philadelphia. In due time they reached Rajahmundry, and their coming filled the hearts of all with thanksgiving, for it meant new workers and more work for the spread of the Gospel. As soon as possible after their arrival they began the study of the Telugu language and the reports that came to us encouraged us to believe that in the course of time we would have two more efficient and interested workmen on the field.

The Rev. E. Edman, M.D., who was formerly in our service, but was obliged to return to this country on account of the health of his wife, again made application to be sent back to India. The obstacles that had heretofore been in the way of complying with this request having been removed, Dr. Edman's offer was accepted, and we are glad to say that he is now again on the field doing good service for Christ. Serious illness since his arrival last Fall has somewhat interfered with his work, but we are thankful to be able to report his recovery to health and his return to the duties of his position.

NEW ZENANA SISTERS.

At a solemn service held in St. James' (German) Church, Philadelphia, on the evening of Sept. 2, 1900, Miss Martha Strempfer, daughter of the Rev. J. Strempfer, of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Emilie Louise Weiskotten, daughter of our late lamented Brother, the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, were consecrated to the office and work of Zenana Sisters. On the following day in company with the Rev. Mr. Weiskotten and the Rev. E. Neudoerffer, they set out for their distant field of usefulness, which they reached about Oct. 20. They are now in Rajahmundry studying the language and rendering such assistance to the other Zenana Sisters as they find it possible for them to give.

NEW NATIVE PASTOR.

C. James, who has been in the service of the Mission for some time, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry

in Nov. 1900, by the late Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, assisted by some of the Missionaries. His field of labor is in the Rajahmundry District.

It is hoped that another native will also be ordained during the course of this year.

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES.

The past two years have seen a further reduction in the number of Missionaries actively engaged on the field.

Miss Lottie Swenson, whose health seemed to be failing, was obliged to leave India and return to her home in Kansas, where she arrived in June, 1900.

Miss Swenson has been engaged in Zenana work and in both Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram had rendered most efficient service. The Board greatly regretted the necessity for her departure from the field, both for her own sake and that of the cause in which she had been so faithfully engaged for five years, and it hoped that the usual furlough would so completely restore her health that there would be no question as to the propriety of her going back again to India. In this, however, we have been disappointed. While Miss Swenson's health has improved somewhat, we have not felt justified in holding out any encouragement that we can put her in her place again in the near future. She was so informed by letter dated July 23, 1901.

The Board regretted the necessity of this action, for Miss Swenson had shown herself a very efficient Zenana Sister, and her absence from the field is a direct loss to the work.

Acknowledgment should be made of the help Miss Swenson has been giving our work since her return. Whenever possible she has visited Mission societies, conventions and congregations, and presented the cause. It is gratifying to know that she has produced a good impression upon all who have heard her speak, and has quickened the interest of many in the work of bringing the heathen to Christ.

By permission of the Board Miss Agnes I. Schade left India April 1, 1901, and arrived in this country May 8, 1901.

Her school (the Girls' Boarding School) was left in the charge of Miss Woerner, M.D.

Miss Schade made her arrangements to be absent from the field only nine months. The Board has suggested to her to take the full time of furlough, that is two years, or at least a longer rest than she has set for herself. But Miss Schade replies that her health does not need it, while her school work requires her presence in India at the close of this present year.

The Board has had several meetings when she was present and discussed a number of different points with her, the result of which we trust will be a better understanding on the part of the Board of the needs of this department and a still more successful prosecution, on the part of the Missionaries, of the work of the schools.

Miss Schade has also spent considerable time in visiting and addressing various Mission societies of the church. We are confident that this will be followed by good results. She expects to sail Nov. 15, 1901, and reach India before next Christmas.

After more than eight years of faithful service the Rev. R. Arps, accompanied by his family, returned to his home in Germany in the Spring of 1901. His health required the change, and the Board therefore granted him a furlough, though it reluctantly saw another earnest and trustworthy laborer leave the field. The hope is entertained, however, that after a season of rest Mr. Arps will be able to return to India to aid the work there by many more years of devoted service.

At the request of the Board the Rev. Mr. Arps came to this country, arriving here Sept. 13. The Board has had several interviews with him in regard to the field, its condition, its needs and the present methods of prosecuting the work.

A few months after the arrival of the Rev. Gomer B. Matthews in India, word came to us that his health had broken down and that it was necessary for him to leave the

country. Our hope, however, was that a visit to the hills would restore his health. Then we were informed that he was much better and had taken hold of the work and was rendering as valuable assistance as was possible from one who did not understand the language. So matters went on from month to month, first one report reaching us and then another directly the opposite of the first, until June last, when a letter was received dated May 31, in which Mr. Matthews informed us that he would sail for this country on the day following, June 1, 1901.

On July 18, 1901, Mr. Matthews, having arrived in this country, was by invitation present at the Board meeting and explained why he had left India in such a summary manner. He had heard certain statements relative to his position and work in India, which led him to think that the Board would not keep its promise to place him in charge of the Seminary. This affected his nervous system very seriously, and without attempting to verify these statements by writing to the Board or conferring with its Inspector, he laid his office down and left the country.

After considering the case of Mr. Matthews very carefully the Board took the following action:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Gomer B. Matthews left Rajahmundry, India, on June 1st, 1901, without the knowledge, authority or permission of the Board, and

WHEREAS, According to certain statements made by Mr. Matthews in the presence of the Board and in his letter of April 18, 1901, we are convinced that the question of his continuing in our service is one that can not be considered, therefore be it

Resolved, That we regard Mr. Matthews' action in leaving India at the time and in the manner already mentioned, as a virtual resignation of his position as a Missionary in our employ, and we do hereby signify our acceptance of such resignation to date from June 1, 1901.

The Rev. P. Holler who had been assisting the Rev. Dr. Schmidt in the Seminary, tendered his resignation in the early part of the past summer. It was accepted by the Board and took effect Aug. 19, 1901, when he left India and started on his way to this country. The Board has paid his salary to the time of his departure and agreed to bear all the

necessary travelling expenses of himself and family to his former home in Nebraska. Mr. Holler, however, has demanded his salary for six months in advance, which the Board has declined to give. He is not broken-down in health, nor will he be in a position to render the work any further service. The Board therefore feels that it has no right to pay out such a sum of money ($450) for such a purpose; nor do our Rules and Regulations, nor does our agreement with Mr. Holler require us to comply with his demands.

THE MISSIONARIES AND ZENANA SISTERS AND THEIR FIELDS.

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., and wife, in charge of the Rajahmundry District.

The Rev. H. E. Isaacson and wife, in charge of the Samalkot District.

The Rev. R. Arps and wife, in charge of the Dowlaishwaram District, at present absent on furlough.

The Rev. E. Edman, M.D., in charge of the Tallapudi District.

The Rev. Ernst Neudoerffer, Assistant Superintendent of the Seminary.

Miss Agnes I. Schade, Zenana Sister, in charge of the Girls' Boarding School, at present absent on furlough.

Miss Kate S. Sadtler, Zenana Sister, in charge of the Caste Girls' School.

Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D., Zenana Sister, assisting Miss Schade in the Girls' Boarding School, and preparing for dispensary and hospital service.

Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten, Zenana Sister, residing in Rajahmundry.

Miss Martha Strempfer, Zenana Sister, residing in Rajahmundry.

Miss Dagmar Schmidt, volunteer assistant to Miss Sadtler.

Mrs. Ruth Joseph, widow of the Rev. Joseph, Bible woman and assistant to Miss Sadtler.

The Rev. William and the Rev. C. James, native pastors and assistants to the Rev. Dr. Schmidt in the Rajahmundry District.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL, EDUCATIONAL WORK, ETC.

The most important work our Missionaries have to do is to preach the Gospel. Everything else is secondary to it. That they do this whenever and wherever an opportunity offers there can be no question. On Sunday and during the week, in church or school-shed, or on the highway, they tell those who will hear of the wondrous love of God made manifest in the gift of His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, who died that all who come unto Him may be saved. This service is not and can not be in vain, for the seed thus sown will be blessed and bring forth fruit unto eternal life.

But closely connected with this part of the work is that of the schools. It is by teaching the children the doctrine of Christ Jesus that we hope to gain the parents and make an impression upon future generations. Therefore considerable attention is paid to the matter of both religious and secular education in every district of our field. This requires school houses, native teachers and houses for them to live in. It also requires higher schools, centrally located, to which the brighter pupils of the village schools may be sent and prepared to become teachers, Bible women and native pastors.

The Board has been able to meet the demand for the necessary houses in the outlying districts, and through the generosity of Miss Schade, who contributed largely toward its cost, it has secured a suitable building for the Girls' Boarding School, but it has not found it possible to provide the proper accommodations as yet for the Seminary. The ground has been kindly donated by the Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, but the money for buildings has not been obtained.

It is hoped that when the Rev. Mr. Neudoerffer becomes thoroughly familiar with the work and needs of that department, and the Seminary has recovered from the sad experience of recent years, resulting from the frequent change of superintendents, that then the long felt need of better and more commodious buildings for our boys may be met and supplied.

A HOSPITAL.

Dr. Woerner was sent out to India for the purpose of developing another very important part of the work—a part that is calling more loudly every day for more attention and better service. We refer to medical work among women. Thus far, however, Dr. Woerner's attention has been chiefly directed to the study of the language and to the work of the Girls' Boarding School, which as already stated, she has assumed during Miss Schade's absence. On the latter's return the Doctor will direct her attention to the particular work to which she has been assigned. With this in view the Board passed the following:

Resolved, I. That we establish a Woman's Hospital at Rajahmundry.

II. That Dr. Woerner, the Rev. Dr. Edman and the Rev. Dr. Schmidt be a committee to select the most suitable site for said hospital, secure the refusal of the same and report to the Board as to location, price, terms, etc.

III. That Dr. Woerner and Drs. Edman and Schmidt be a committee to prepare and submit plans, together with estimates for said hospital, to this Board, as soon as possible.

IV. That Dr. Woerner be authorized to open a dispensary at the earliest possible date.

V. That the sum of One Hundred ($100) Dollars be sent to Dr. Woerner to meet any extra expenses that may be incurred in the opening of the said dispensary.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Since it may be interesting and instructive as giving a fuller insight into the work and the methods employed it has seemed desirable to let the Missionaries and Zenana Sisters speak to some extent for themselves. We therefore here present extracts from the latest reports received from the field :

THE REV. DR. SCHMIDT'S REPORT.

Dr. Schmidt at the end of the first half of the current year, says:

This time we look back upon a peculiarly difficult period of our work. But in looking back, we must confess: "The Lord has helped; His name be praised."

The first dark cloud which overshadowed our Mission this year was the sudden and unexpected death of Rev. Weiskotten. We expected great and beneficial results from his verbal reports to the Board. His hasty visits to the different parts of our field as well as to the Leipzig and Hermannsburg

Missions, seemed much too short for us, but supplemented by his long and thorough knowledge of our Mission, we expected that his judgment would help to decide many burning questions as soon as he would get home.

We wished that he had decided here on the spot, but he did not think that he was authorized to do this away from the Board. * * *

Miss Weiskotten began to suffer alarmingly. She seemed to be unable to stand the shock of her father's death. But it would have been too risky to send her home then. My daughter also had attacks of fever. At the same time my brain seemed to give away. Occasional giddiness changed into peculiar fits, when all around me seemed to turn upside down and for short periods my memory would go entirely. Dr. Edman says, that blood must have oozed out into my brain. Something had to be done and we decided to take the three months leave which we had been entitled to long before this. It seemed almost impossible to get away from the work—but it had to be done.

Our Christian blacksmith, Alexander, was blown down from the church roof and his arm was injured so that he will not get back the use of his hand for at least one year. I had secured the services of a minister from Vzagapatam to keep accounts of the book store and industrial work. We got into hot water with the workmen, and the store and other work was temporarily closed. A case against Christians and teachers, that they were involved in a case of theft, gave us much anxiety. But in spite of all this, I felt that it was necessary for us to remain three months on the hills and we did so. We all benefitted much by the change.

Rev. J. William administered word and Sacrament not only to his flock, but he went also on a Mission tour to Rampa.

Rev. James attended to the wants of the Tadepallipadem field besides his own. I am very hopeful that the organization of that charge will turn out satisfactorily to the pastor as well as to the congregations and our Mission. I wish we could organize another charge similarly and that we had another man to be pastor.

We feel the want of laborers everywhere. The Gospel spreads on all sides and many are ready to place themselves under Christian instruction.

THE REV. H. E. ISAACSON'S REPORT.

Mr. Isaacson writing in July of this year, says:

From January to the first week of April I travelled in the District and did my routine work as usual. Feeling that my health was giving way to the pressure of the Indian climate and understanding that I would not be permitted to go home this year, as Rev. Arps' furlough was granted, I applied for leave to go to the hills for 3 months. The Board kindly granted my request to go to the Nilgiris. We started from this place the 9th of April and returned to Samalkot (*) on the glorious Fourth of July. It was very fine to come to the Nilgiris and inhale the rare mountain air and to escape the extreme heat on the plains where the temperature would be about 100 and above for some months and at the same time hot winds blow-

*The official and government spelling of Samulcotta is Samalkot.

ing very severely. At Coonoor where we were sojourning for the three months the temperature varied from 60 to 80. The scenery is very picturesque on the Nilgiris and the vegetation is tropical in the true sense of the word. It is luxurious. There are many English planters here or as we would call them in America "farmers." Coffee and tea grow here in abundance and all English vegetables grow on the hills and besides plenty of native and English fruits.

Many Missions have their Mission Sanatoriums on these hills. It would be a great benefit to our Mission if our friends in America would enable us also to build a Sanatorium in the same locality. A good deal of the trouble in our Mission is due to a bad liver. The climate of India is very enervating and it causes irritability. That being the case the most trifling matter will irritate a person and one becomes seedy and discontented with himself and the whole world. This is not only the case with Missionaries, but also with civilians, business men and others living in India. Should we have a Sanatorium and Missionaries be enabled to frequent the hills, they would be in better health and mood and consequently fewer difficulties or seeming ones would present themselves to us, and the Mission and Missionaries would prosper better. Both the Mission societies and the government admit that it is good for their servants to visit the hills as often as possible. If we had a Sanatorium at the hills, and if the Missionaries were permitted to go every other year to the hills it would be good. If we had a house they could go at their own cost.

While we were at Coonoor Dr. Edman repaired the roof of the Mission Bungalow at Samalkot. It has practically given us one more room. He has done the work very well. It is a great improvement to the Mission house; the roof is now safe and very substantial so that in ordinary cases it should last for a long time without any cost to the Mission.

The school at Peddapur has now 400 students and 10 classes, mostly Brahmans. In case we should work among the higher classes we should have a Missionary alone at Peddapur. It is a town of over 15,000 inhabitants. When the school was started there, Peddapur was practically closed to Gospel work among the higher classes, owing to the bigotry of the Brahmans, but now it is opened for all evangelical activities. We should have a Zenana sister there The Baptists have taken the occasion to place one Zenana sister there, but that does not hinder us from placing one or two there also. There would be room for five of them in a place like that. It is the county seat with a number of lawyers and government officials. Though many soldiers died in South Africa the English Government did not hesitate to send reinforcement after reinforcement; and though we have had some difficulties in keeping some Missionaries it should not discourage us to send out new men. We ought to have a few young men out again this year. It is a sifting and a time of trial to our Mission, but God has not left us in the work. The late Rev. Weiskotten was of the opinion that we should have several centres in our Mission and among the different centres Samalkot should be one. When Dr. Edman came to Samalkot there was no railway here, but now the line between Madras and Calcutta cuts through this place. Samalkot is the largest railway station in the Godavery District; it

is a junction with a branch railway to Cocanada, a large sea port. There is a large sugar factory here with about 20 Englishmen working in it, with over 1000 native hands. The factory has been constructed within the last three years. Samalkot has a population of over 15,000. This I write to show that the place is increasing all the time. Peddapur is only two miles from Samalkot and that town has, as already stated, more than 15,000 inhabitants. So then near our home we have about 30,000 souls to whom we ought to preach the Gospel. There are about 200 villages in which we have to preach on the Samalkot field. The length of the field is about 60 miles, and the breadth of the field about 20 miles. It is too large for one man. It would be much better if we could have more Missionaries and then concentrate our work more. On the Samalkot field there ought to be one Missionary at Samalkot, one at Peddapur and one at Pittapur, a Zemindary town, with about 20,000 inhabitants, and eight miles from Samalkot. One Zenana sister at Peddapur and another at Samalkot. In short there should be five European workers on this field. When we first came to Samalkot there was a village school there with five children and one class. It was our Mission school, now the same school has an attendance of fifty children and five classes in our school. It is termed a Primary School. Those who pass out of this school are fit to become teachers. Our teachers have attained only this grade in our Mission, the Primary grade.

The longer I stay in India the more I am convinced about the success of the Missions and especially the Lutheran Missions in India. The Lutheran Church has a clear view of the Gospel. One section of the C. M. S. M. is becoming more and more Romanized and the sects are leaning more and more towards the doctrine of perfection in this life or sinlessness which is the same doctrine as the Hindus or the heathen world believes before Missionaries come to them, hence it devolves on the Lutheran Church to promulgate to the world the pure doctrine of Justification by faith Without a strong organization no army would have a chance of any success in war. If that is the case with the armies of the great powers, it is much more so with the army of Christ. The Hindus are strongly organized and fortified. The kingdom of darkness is very strongly organized through caste, superstition and false religion in India, and hence it is necessary for Mission societies to be strongly organized, in order to get a permanent hold on the people. This can be efficiently done through organized Christian congregations and in connection therewith the carrying on of regular instruction and preaching to the Christians and lower classes of Hindus who will come and listen to street preaching, and among the higher classes the work must be done through education or establishing of schools among those classes, or by Zenana work, or medical work, because the higher classes will not come and listen to street preaching, and therefore one must try to have some other way to convey the Gospel to them.

I hope that the Board may not get discouraged in sending out more Missionaries.

THE REV. R. ARPS' REPORT.

At my arrival in India, Dec. 1893, there were 374 Christians in the Dowlaishwaram District, 36 in Dowlaishwaram only. Now, at the close of 1900, there are 700 on the same field and 140 in Dowlaishwaram only. This is a fuller statistic:

December 31:	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Total number of Christians:	374	417	466	504	536	608	700

Since 1895 the number of my villages increased from 21 to 40, the number of day-schools from 15 to 24, the number of agents from 16 to 21. The importance of this class of auxiliaries can scarcely be too highly estimated. The distance between the Hindoos and us and the Hindoos and themselves is very great. The natural result is that in their eyes our creed does not concern them in the least, because we are looked upon as an altogether different race. But on the other hand the character and usefulness of our native agency is no doubt the thermometer for estimating the real progress in our work. I am much inclined to write more on this subject. I think it of the utmost importance to be clear and understand the point which affects, and to which is due the *only* advance in our work. The past seven years I have regularly once a month at my house done my very best to increase and develop the intellectual and spiritual standard of my teachers and agents.

I am very glad indeed that I am so soon to have an ordained helper at the beginning of this new year. I know P. V. Ratnam since 1893. He is a pious, humble and quiet man. He is a Telugu and a Sanscrit Pandit; though not of very great eloquence, having power of expression, strong emotions in vivid speech, yet he is very faithful and trustworthy, and will, no doubt, be very useful in settling quarrels and difficulties in the congregations. He will be a very good "Seelsorger." He is also very useful as a preacher before caste people, who listen closely and reverently to him, because he has such a quiet way of arguing. Indeed I am very glad to get pastoral help.

Exceedingly useful is K. Jeremiah, whom the Board kindly allowed me to engage already more than a year ago. Among my teachers three deserve a very good mark with respect to heathen-preaching. They also, as a rule, follow me on my boat-touring. There have been very bad trials for us through the past Semester on account of repeated sickness, which hindered us variously in carrying out our work as we wished. In spite of our state of health we have been able to carry out a fair measure of duty, and I am glad to report progress in many respects as the annexed statements will show. There is also an increase of annual subscriptions or congregational collections. This is no doubt of very great importance.

Saturday, the 28th of October, Rev. Weiskotten arrived on our Mission-field. It was, of course, a very great pity, that he was not able to spend more than 36 days with us. With regard to myself I am sorry that I could not show anything of my field, except the very small congregation at Jegurupad and none of the other 39 stations, of which many are in such a flourishing condition. My wife and myself were down with fever at the time. The Lord knows why He arranged this. One reason was surely to show to the

representative of the Board that there was a real necessity for my application for homeleave.

Now we have been permitted to see the beginning of a new year, which is also the beginning of a new century. Surely this will be a century of evangelistic effort with great development, its result will be a tree of mustard seed, whose shadow covers the hills. Our field and our Society have not been blessed with a very great growth, if we look back upon the past half century of its existence. God forbid that we should cross the line of the two centuries slipping back. I have my great fears about many things. We need His power and grace, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we may do God's work in God's way. We have His promise, but we cannot expect to have the promise fulfilled, if we should fail to observe the conditions. I earnestly ask and pray our Lord and Master, not to forsake us, but to help and to bless His own work.

SEMINARY REPORT.

Dr. Schmidt, in reference to the Seminary, says:

As this is the third and probably the last year that I am in temporary charge of the Seminary, I wish to give a general view of the status of teachers and scholars.

TEACHERS.

The usefulness of a school depends much upon the ability of the teachers. In India their ability is judged by the examinations which they have passed. The Educational Department of Government has laid down very strict rules which apply more or less to all schools, because the prospect in life of all students depends greatly on the certificates which they hold. Whether Mission-schools are placed under Government supervision or not makes very little difference, because in secular teaching the aim remains the same: to pass examinations. This was not so formerly. Even twenty years ago almost all Government officials born in this country were self-made men. No Tahsildar or Inspector and no native pastor in the Telugu country held a University Diploma.

The Tamil country was ahead in education of the Telugu country, and the consequence is that even now most of the highly educated natives are Tamils and often even Inspectors of Telugu schools are Tamil men who speak Telugu with great difficulty. But if the Government cannot fill its vacancies with Telugu people, this is much more so among the Missions where we Missionaries have so few educated Christians to choose from. As a rule the Christian teachers in the Telugu country are not up to the mark and even heathen teachers, when employed are not much superior, though they offer a greater selection to choose from.

When I complained to the Director of Public Instruction that our schoolchildren could not understand the Tamil Inspector who examined them, he admitted the fairness of the complaint but said that he could get no Telugu Inspectors.

In January, 1899, we had in our Seminary
a Brahmin, Head Master, on Rs. 30 a month, who had passed matriculation
but held no certificate of training.

a Brahmin, Second Master, on	Rs.	30	a mth.	matriculate but without certificate
a Christian, Paulus,	"	21	"	" "
a Telugu Pandit	"	12	"	no examination.
a Hindu Drawing Master,	"	10	"	with technical examination.
a Mahomedan Gym. Teach.	"	12	"	" "
a Christian, K. Gabriel,	"	15	"	who failed in matriculation.
a " P. Paradesi,	"	15	"	" "
" M. Devadasu,	"	9	"	passed Lower Secondary and holds certificate.
" R. Charles,	"	8	"	Primary.
" V. Samuel,	"	7	"	"
" N. Isaac,	"	7		"
" M. Emelia,	"	4	teacher's widow, no examination,	
	Rs.	163		

The present staff of teachers, at the end of the first half year, 1901, is

Head Master,	C. W. Paulus,	on Rs.	21
	K. Gabriel,	"	15
	M. Devadas,	"	9
	R. Charles,	"	9
	N. Isaac,	"	7
	V. Samuel,	"	7
	M. Emilie,		4
Christian Drawing Master,	N. Devasahayam,		7
a Hindu Pandit,			14
a Mahomedan Gymnastic Teacher,			12
		Rs.	105

Two Christians passed last year in Gymnastics and one in Drawing. One, Jona, passed last year in the highest class and he was employed, and the Mahomedan's services were dispensed with. However, another School offered Jona twice as much as we paid him, and he left, and Mr. Holler took the Mahomedan back again. One young man from our Rajahmundry congregation is studying in the Christian College at Madras. He has passed matriculation and he went up for F. A. last year but failed. In case he passes this year, he will come to our Seminary. He should then pass a course in Training and he can become a very useful teacher of our Seminary. I have longed for such a Christian teacher at the head of our Institution.

SCHOLARS.

The number of boys on the roll is 156 including day scholars.

	Average Attendance.	Bhim.	Dowlais.	Tadepallig.	Tallap.	Samalk.	Ramp.
III. Form	27	14	3	3	2	2	1
II. Form	19	8	1	3	2	3	1
I. Form	32	16	11	1	3	4	1
IV. Standard	26	5	7	2	3	2	2
III. Standard	12				7		
II. Standard	6						1
I. Standard	10				2		1
Infant class	7				1		1
		53 boys	22	9	20	11	7

holding free scholarships from the different Districts.

Of the 156 boys in school only 100 are boarders and 56 day scholars. Of those who passed Lower Secondary (in some Mission reports called Middle School) 9 read in the Government College and aim at matriculation, of these two are from Bhimawaram, 2 from Dowlaishwaram, 2 from Tadepalligudem and 3 from Rajahmundry. As there is a Mission High School in Samalkot I believe it would be well to arrange that they study there, and that the Missionary in Samalkot arrange for their boarding and also for their religious lessons. If we have a Mission High School our Christian students ought to study there, rather than in a heathen school—even if there are no Christian teachers. During the last three years 37 boarders have been sent away or left the school. Some of them had been admitted as far back as 1900, (?), and had cost the Mission a good deal. We Missionaries are of the opinion that students of long standing should not be sent away for trivial causes, such as overstaying their leave, etc. The aim of the school is not to let many pass through, but to let them all pass out fit for work.

THE RESULTS OF OUR EXAMINATIONS

have been fair. This year 20 boys are prepared to go up for Lower Secondary, but as their teacher leaves us, they may fall short in the examination.

One of the reasons why the results have been better than ever before is simply because we adopted Telugu as their first language as the medium through which these Telugu students should acquire general knowledge. Most of them wish they were English born and English speaking boys, but the mere wish does not give them the language. I fear nothing so much as that an English speaking manager may revert to the former mode and think it unnecessary to learn Telugu when the boys adopt English as their mother tongue. Though English is now the second language, they are by no means behind in that language as to general knowledge and have the advantage that they know Telugu better than former students.

THE REV. DR. E. EDMAN'S REPORT.

Dr. Edman, writing July 11, 1901, says:

As ordered when I came here, I took charge of the Tallapudi district Jan. 1, 1901. The field was in a very bad condition, as there had been no Missionary there for more than two years.

1. The bungalow was badly cracked and all the mats spoiled. The roof was leaking. The bungalow has now been repaired except the roof. I have made only the most needed repairs. To repair the roof it will cost at least Rs 200, and as I had no money even for the most needed, I left the roof unrepaired. That must be done this coming half year, if a Missionary shall live there.

2. The most of the school houses were in ruin by neglect of repair. Three school houses were carried away last year by the Godavery. Now I have hardly any school houses and the schools are at present in a bad condition. As I have had no money I have done nothing for repairing the ruined schools. At present I am not able to give any proper report about the boys in the schools and about the work done in the schools. I will try

my best to improve the schools and give proper report at the end of next half year.

3. The teachers in the district had no proper supervision and they became lazy and neglected their work. The best teachers moved away from the district. Rev. H. E. Isaacson had the supervision, but he went there only once a month and paid the teachers. When he went there he used to stay only one day, and even then he did not preach but only paid the teachers. For a long time there was no service in the church and in all the districts no Communion for more than two years. The Evangelist Ch. Anandam, who was counted the best teacher in this district, has been dismissed from his work, as he deceived me several times and at last carried away Rs. 85. The teachers' staff has been strengthened by an addition of ten new teachers. I have now 22 teachers in this field. As the schools are not in good order, I have used the teachers, to some extent to do evangelistic work. Some of the teachers work well, but some are useless. 25 names appear on the pay list. Of these V. Mark has been a teacher for a long time, but does no work at present as his mind is affected. M. Moses is the Church peon, and Ch. Anandam is dismissed.

4. About my own work I will say, that after coming to Tallapudi I started to preach at once. I had during my long absence forgotten some Telugu words, but I did not neglect any of my work on that account and regained the language slowly. In Tallapudi Church we have, since I came there, had service twice every Sunday and prayer meeting every Wednesday night. During the months January, February and March I was out in the district; but in the beginning of March I became very sick of fever and was sick about two months. As I could not recover in Tallapudi, being a malarial place, I went to Samalkot and remained there until I got well. I have during this half year been to most of the villages in this district. During this half year I have baptized 71 persons in this district. Had communion in Tallapudi three times and in the different villages one time. Seven young people have been confirmed. They could all read and I must say answered very well on their confirmation day. Eight couples have been married, One person has been buried. I cannot give any full Parochial report this time as the books are not kept in order. I have worked all the time on the new church register but have not yet got it ready. I must visit every Christian family to get it correct. As I have not the former reports for this district, I can not give any statistics, but if the following be added to last reports it will be the best that can be done this time: Baptized 71, received from other congregations 19, lost by death one.

5. When I came to Tallapudi in January, I wrote to the Board about a boarding school at Tallapudi, but have got no answer on that subject. I have already four boys there. As the Board does not answer I do not know what the Board thinks of it, but let me say again that this district can not be worked properly without a boarding school in Tallapudi. The Rajahmundry school seems to be only for certain districts. Tallapudi has, since the Rajahmundry school started, had only 4 or 5 teachers educated there. The rest of the Tallapudi teachers have come either from the Church of England or Baptist Mission. My teachers in the villages cannot teach up to 4th stand-

ard and the rule now in Rajahmundry is that no boys can enter the school before they passed the 4th standard. Consequently, if the Board says that I can have no boarding school, that means that I hereafter can not get any teachers for my field educated in our own schools, but must continue to take dismissed teachers from other Missions and try to make use of them.

It would be very good to have one boarding school at each station and from these send only the best to Rajahmundry and in that way make Rajahmundry a better school. Why not a High School? May the Lord crown all our work, and may He bless the Board and our Missionaries and native helpers and the Mission friends at home.

REPORT OF THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

Miss Schade, reporting for the half year ending June 30, 1901, says:

In reopening the school in January, my great hope and desire was to have more boarders taken into the school so that a larger number of our Christian girls could enjoy the benefit of a Christian education and training. The number gradually increased until ninety-two were enrolled and together with the day pupils the school numbered one hundred and twenty.

The girls range in age from eight to seventeen years. The classes are nine in number. A number of the girls have received teachers' training so that all the primary classes can now be supplied with teachers from our own school. Two others are now preparing and we can 'ere long hope to see some little girls' schools started in different parts of the town so that the many little heathen girls may be gathered in and be taught of Christ. The teachers have done good work and have been able to work together in harmony, every one taking a lively interest in the work of the whole school.

Since the opening of the school, June, 1895, there was no change in the management and superintendence of the work until April 1st of this year, when I left for a brief furlough in America. During my absence, Dr. Lydia Woerner has charge of the school and she reports favorably of both teachers and pupils

The senior girls' Mission Band celebrated its fourth anniversary in March. It is doing a good work and has not yet reached that stage when they ask "How shall we make our mission meetings interesting?" Lessons from the Word of God, Bible questions and mission information and instruction are always interesting to them.

The Summer vacation continued from May 1st to June 18th. This time the boarding girls spent in their several homes scattered over the whole mission field, and as one of them said, trying to let their light shine in the heathen darkness about them.

REPORT OF THE CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Sadtler's report for the year ending June 30, 1901, is as follows:

Since my last report there has been little change in the condition of the Caste Girls' School. The same Headmistress J. Esther, the daughter of Henry, one of our most faithful old Christians, and sister of Rev. J. William, continues to be employed. Her term of service corresponds with mine—just ten years. Two other Christian young women are the Assistants. Some of the children have been in the school for years, have come up from the Infant Class, where they often stay two years, as to master the Telugu alphabet, with its numerous combinations, and learn small words, takes time. Other scholars come and go, their families frequently moving to other places, or a girl (even little ones are married) is sent to her mother-in-law, for a six months' visit, or they go to weddings. These interruptions I have learned are inevitable, so I have the girls taught as well as possible, when they come to school. A conductress is employed, whose duty it is to hunt up all absentees; if they are in Rajahmundry, and not sick, we can thus secure their attendance. There has been no severe epidemic of either small-pox or cholera this past year, so the children have, with the exception of occasional fevers, been in good health. The school is always opened with singing a hymn, reading the Bible and prayer. There has never been any objection in this school to the Bible instruction given. The Old Testament Bible History, Ten Commandments, and New Testament Stories and Scripture verses, are learned very willingly. The secular studies must be taught as the Government Inspector directs, the kindergarten work and drill which they also require, is greatly enjoyed by the girls. The usual Christmas celebration was prepared for them, when the clothing they had made during the year (the material comes from the Mission boxes) was given them, also dolls to those who had passed the Government Examination. To these children, this was a most joyful day; they had been for weeks preparing their service of Christmas hymns and recitations, and that evening came arrayed in their best clothing and jewels. When they saw the lighted Christmas tree and their presents, their joy was complete. We re-opened school Jan. 15th, continuing, excepting for the Easter holidays of five days, uninterruptedly until the end of April. During May, when the heat is extreme, and until June 15th, the schools are closed. I keep my holidays uniform with those given in the Seminary and Girls' Boarding School. My Government Examination came early this year; it was held the 6th of this month. Writing up to date, I can report the Inspector's remark, "that the results were satisfactory," while pointing out to the teachers in what lessons the children should receive more careful preparation. As my school is now on the Permanent Section, the Examination was conducted, and the average taken in each class, without giving each child marks. There are now 57 children on roll, but a number are waiting to be admitted. I could not take them until the Examination was over. As at home, before Christmas, the number will be increased. The Sunday School continues to be held on Sunday afternoon, the children come willingly. The bright colored chart, with which I illustrate

the lesson attracts them. I give them little Telugu text cards for attendance. Thus daily the seeds of Christian truth are sown in the hearts of these Heathen children. They know many Bible verses, and how they have been applied to their daily life, I find when I follow them to their homes after they have left school. Among former scholars, now grown, I have opened Zenana classes. They delight to sing the Christian hymns, and to learn more of the Bible. The Zenana work has been carried on regularly, with the exception of the Christmas and hot season holidays. Before I stopped work in April, the thermometer was 100°—102° when I went to my classes in the afternoon. I found it very trying to teach in such heat. Miss Dagmar Schmidt, who is assisting in the work, has twenty-seven (27) houses in which she teaches the women, two of these are Mohammedan. In these Telugu cannot be used, but the women know English, which makes it easy and pleasant to teach them. Her pupils number eighty-six (86). She reports many of her classes eager to learn. Not unfrequently the call to teach in a house comes from the father, husband or brother of the women. That all opposition to teaching women the Bible is removed, and that they are even encouraged to learn by the men, we consider a hopeful sign. Many whom we teach, do believe in Christ, and ask to be taught to pray, but fear to break away from their caste, by becoming Christians. It requires more courage, than we can perhaps understand, "to leave all for Christ." But God can nourish, and cause the seed planted in their hearts to grow, and spring up to life everlasting. I have twenty-three houses, and sixty-four (64) pupils. These I visit during five afternoons, reserving Saturday in which to visit T. Ruth's—the Bible woman's classes, thus keeping an oversight over her work, and getting around to each of her classes about once in every five weeks. Ruth visits her classes 6 days in the week, has 34 houses and 120 pupils. Taken together the number of Zenanas visited are Hindu 84, Mohammedan 2. Pupils taught 260. All three of us who are engaged in the Zenana work can report classes lost, by people moving away, but usually they are quickly more than filled up by calls to form new ones. There is now no time to teach fancy work, which Miss Schade and I did at first, and only a few ask for it. In Missions, where Zenana work has been long established, and they have Bible women employed, it is possible to teach fancy needle work and even some secular branches in addition to the Bible lesson. There has been on the whole, a noted increase during the last year in the number of pupils taught, and in their interest in the Bible, as shown by their questions, and expression of belief in the way of salvation. Let us not cease to pray that God who has allowed us to open this Zenana work in our Mission, will give us the strength to zealously carry it on, believing that He will cherish and uphold all those women who are striving to find the true light.

TITLES TO PROPERTY.

Until recently it was not permitted any foreign organization or body to hold property in India. Consequently the title to each piece of land or property purchased by us has heretofore been vested in some one of our Missionaries, and

we are happy to say that this arrangement has never as yet given us any trouble or caused us any loss.

Now, however, the law allows us under certain conditions to hold the property in our own name, or rather in the name of the Trustees of the General Council, as the Board of Foreign Missions is not an incorporated body. We have therefore appointed the Rev. H. E. Isaacson our agent, giving him the proper power of attorney, dated July 12, 1901, and signed by Jos. A. Seiss, President, and William H. Staake, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the General Council, authorizing him to attend to all the work and details of making the transfer of the various properties in the several districts to the said Board of Trustees.

Mr. Isaacson has reported that the work has been partially done, to wit:

In the Rajahmundry and Tadepalligudiem fields, twenty-two (22) pieces of land have been transferred.

In the Samalkot District, twenty (20) pieces of land.

In the Dowlaishwaram District, nine (9) pieces of land.

In the Tallapudi District, twenty-four (24) pieces of land.

Other transfers are yet to be made.

Mr. Isaacson also sends the following list of buildings in the several principal stations:

Rajahmundry:

I. Seminary: Bungalow Superint.; 2. Church, 3. Dormatories of the boarding boys in one yard.

II. Seminary School Building in another yard, separated by a main road.

III. Rev. Dr. Schmidt's Bungalow; 2. Zenana house; 3. Caste Girls' School and 4. Printing office, in the same yard.

IV. Girls' Boarding School; 2. Dormatories of the boarding girls and a dwelling house of Miss Schade being one building.

Tallapudi:

I. 1. Missionary's Bungalow; 2. Catechists' house in one yard.

II. 1. Church. Finest church in our Mission.

Tadepalligudem:

1. 1. Missionary's Bungalow; 2. Church; 3. School house, in one yard.

Dowlaishwaram:

I. 1. Missionary's Bungalow in one yard; 2. Catechists' house in another yard and in a 3. yard; 3. the church and 4. a school house and a teachers' house.

Samalkot:

I. 1. Missionary's Bungalow; 2. A little Bungalow having been a temporary abode of new Missionaries; 3. a Catechists' house.

II. 1. Church; 2. school house; 3. a teachers' house in another yard.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

The first and greatest need is more Missionaries, more men, not only ordained ministers of the Gospel, but such as are thoroughly consecrated to the work of saving souls. They should be men who do not go into the work with an ideal before them or a pet theory they desire to see carried into execution, or with a determination that if they can not do the particular thing they choose they will do nothing, but such as are willing to do whatever their hands find to do and do it with their might, the glory of God and the salvation of souls being the one great object they have in mind.

We need one or two good, first-class teachers. They should be earnest Christians and have had some experience in instructing the young. At the same time, however, they should be willing to learn the ways and customs that prevail on the field by reason of the fact that the government performs a part in the matter of school-work.

With teachers of this kind connected with our Seminary we believe that a few more years would show greater and far better results throughout our whole school system in every one of our districts.

It may be remembered that in our last report, when speaking of the need of more Missionaries, the following question was asked: "Has not the time come when those who go to our foreign fields should have some special training for the work they will there be expected to perform?" Following this the statement was made that a Committee of the Board had been appointed to confer with the Faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary "with the view of arranging a course of instruction that will be helpful to those who desire to become foreign Missionaries."

At a meeting of the Board held Nov. 22, 1899, the Rev. Dr. Jacobs and the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, of the Seminary Faculty,

were present and the subject was discussed at some length, but no result has as yet been reached.

A STATEMENT.

It cannot be denied that the progress and condition of the work in India are not what is desired. The inability of the Board to secure the proper number of Missionaries for the field and the death of our lamented Brother Weiskotten, have made it impossible for us to make such a report as two years ago it was hoped could be made at this meeting of the General Council.

We have availed ourselves of the official reports and letters from the Missionaries, and also of the presence here of Miss Schade and the Rev. Mr. Arps, as already stated, but as yet have not brought about that condition of affairs on the field and that confidence in the work among our friends at home that we all most earnestly desire to see.

Much of this want of confidence we believe is the result of unfounded or false reports circulated, we fear, for the sake of injuring individuals, the Board or the cause. Some of these reports affect the character of persons very closely connected with our work, but the Board has never been able to get any one to make a formal charge or to find sufficient evidence on which to take action different from that it has already taken. Indeed, investigations made as to honesty and integrity of character have shown that some persons have maliciously belied our Mission workers. That there is great room for improvement on the field no one cognizant of the state of affairs can deny, but that there is any ground for the base and malicious reports that have recently been circulated so freely, we affirm, does not exist.

Most assuredly the Spirit of Christ ought to be found among all Mission workers in India, as well as among all professing Christians in America, and that such is not the case at present, must be acknowledged and is to be deplored. The evil, however, is not to be corrected by making false statements, or by passing hasty judgment upon the actions of

those who are surrounded by an entirely different condition of things from that which confronts us in this land of Christian people.

Let us have more consecrated men for the work; let us refrain from repeating the base reports that affect the character of the Missionaries and the Board; let us pray that God may grant to all more of His Holy Spirit and a fuller measure of wisdom, that they may know at all times what to do and how to do it, and peace and prosperity will be found existing on our field, many will be added unto the Church of Christ and God's name will be more and more glorified.

PORTO RICO.

Encouraged by the action taken at your last convention the Board has endeavored to prosecute the work in Porto Rico as vigorously as the means on hand would allow.

The Rev. B. F. Hankey and the Rev. H. F. Richards were sent out with instructions to explore the island, to locate wherever would seem to them best, to care first of all for those of our own household of faith whom they might find there, and then to preach the Gospel to all who would be willing to receive their message.

They arrived in San Juan Oct. 29, 1899, and after due consideration resolved to begin work there, making that place their headquarters. They were helped to this conclusion by the fact that Mr. S. G. Swenson, now a student in the Seminary at Rock Island, Ills., had already been doing Missionary work in that city, and was willing to turn all over to them and become their assistant.

During the following Spring Mr. Hankey's health began to fail and that together with the fact that it seemed as if the Church would not properly support two men, led him to decide to return to this country. He is now the pastor of the church at Scottdale, Pa.

Mr. Richards, however, remained and is still in San Juan, in which city, as also in Catano, across the bay, he is working with the most commendable zeal, and, we believe, successfully. A congregation has been organized in San

Juan where the services are largely conducted in the English language and where there should be another pastor to relieve Mr. Richards of this part of the work, so that he might devote more time to that part that requires Spanish. He is greatly aided by his wife who is acquainted with the language of the island, and also by Miss Annette Wahlstedt, whom the Board appointed last Winter a teacher and visitor for the field under Mr. Richards' direction.

Miss Wahlstedt is a member of Immanuel (Swedish) Church, of Chicago, but she had gone to Porto Rico on account of the health of a member of her family, and becoming acquainted with Mr. Richards, was willing to assist him in his work. As she had some experience in Mission work and seemed to be well fitted for the service, the Board gladly engaged her for the position above named from Feb. 13, 1901.

When Mr. Richards and Mr. Hankey secured the place in which the services are now held in San Juan, they also got a lease for the property for three (3) years, that is until Dec. 31, 1902. Last Spring it was discovered that the minister in charge of the Episcopal work was making arrangements to buy the same property, of which fact the Board was at once informed by Mr. Richards. After a full and careful consideration of the subject, we decided to purchase the property at the price named, which was $12,000, and authorized Mr. Richards to proceed with the negotiations, sending him at once $500 to be used in closing the bargain. Then it was discovered that the Episcopal minister above referred to had secured an option on the property before Mr. Richards knew that he had any thought of purchasing it.

A letter on the subject was then written to the Mission Board of the Episcopal Church in New York, reciting the facts in the case and presenting what we believed to be our prior claim on the property. To this a courteous reply was received refusing however to surrender the rights the said Board had acquired.

This seemed to many a very serious blow, but Mr. Richards thinks that under certain conditions it may not do us as

much harm as was at first feared. For we can remain in our present quarters until January 1, 1903, and in the mean-time it is not unlikely that a considerable tract of land, now on the outskirts of the city, will be thrown into the market. There we can buy and we must be prepared to do it as soon as Congress authorizes the sale of the land, which may be done during the coming Winter.

There will be the new San Juan and with a church building there we can hope for great things from the work already done.

In January 1901, the Board was informed that the Rev. F. Richards, D.D., of Zanesville, Ohio, father of the Rev. H. F. Richards, intended to visit his son in San Juan. He was therefore asked to act as the official representative of the Board, and to inspect the field and the work as its agent. Dr. Richards consented to do so, serving in the capacity indicated without any compensation or remuneration whatever. On his return he submitted a very full and satisfactory report from which we make the following extracts:

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Let it be understood by your Board that if I would consult my own personal feelings, I would have my son return with me, that I have not desired him to enter this field from the beginning. We believed he was following the call of God, and I was content. But to call him away now or to advise him to do so would be, with what my eyes have seen and my ears have heard, to work against God and His Providence. I want to emphasize this observation, so that you may realize that it is the work and cause of God that I have at heart rather than any personal feeling owing to my relations to your Missionary.

2. Owing to the change in currency everything has advanced in price, as I am told, 40 per cent. So there is at least that much difference in the purchasing power of the money. This is the Capitol of the Island and is a very expensive place to live. I have been surprised at the prices paid for the most common articles of food and clothing. A salary of a year ago of $50 a month ought now to be one of $70, or to put it otherwise, what was $50 is now only equal to $30.

3. Help ought to be sent your Missionary AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. He is doing more than he ought to do. Six services a week besides visiting and studying Spanish will certainly break down the strongest and stoutest. You are as a Board responsible for what the result shall be, and you cannot evade that responsibility by saying you have NOT THE MEANS. Either you must

send help or take the responsibility of recalling your Missionary and closing God's door of usefulness of your Board in this field. It will be a sin against your Missionary; a sin that cannot be excused to let him break down or fall unaided in the work you have given him, through the Providence of God, to do! I would speak this, were any other man left thus in the field.

4. I would recommend that you would at once employ this Swedish lady as an Assistant Missionary. She has been a Missionary in South Africa; is a member of Pastor Evald's Church, Chicago, providentially directed to Porto Rico on account of the rigor and changes of the Northern winters. She is at present employed and assists in the Mission as her limited time will admit. Her health is steadily improving and she will be able to do your Board most excellent service. She is of devout spirit and earnestness in the work. A lady is a necessity here for the work. A man, and especially an unmarried man, cannot reach and exert an influence where a woman can. Every one of these other denominations, as I have shown you, have one or more women employed. From what I have seen of this woman, and of her kindly spirit and her winning ways with children and young people, I heartily recommend her. It does seem to me also that God has providentially directed her to you. The maturity of her character, the experience she has had in Mission work, the Providence which has brought her to your Mission, the zeal which animates her and her readiness to do God's will, all commend her to you, and you will make no mistake by at once employing her.

5. In addition to this Swedish lady, you ought at once send another man, who would be able to do the English work, and gradually fit himself also in Spanish. You ought by all means send a married man. I most earnestly recommend that as soon as possible your Board call a suitable married man for this field and send him here.

6. I would recommend that your Board send back here Mr. Swensson as soon as he is ordained. I do not know him. He is favorably spoken of here. He is familiar with the Spanish, and he could take hold of work here, as he is no stranger and has been in the field. It would be well to have assistance along the line of Spanish work, and I know of no one of our men who is familiar enough with the language to engage in this work, except Mr. Swensson. If Mr. Swensson is not through his studies this Spring you could send him down during the vacation and give your present Missionary a rest. This is my own suggestion without consulting or asking him.

7. Your Board should consult with the Church Extension Society to secure a lot here when the military reservation east of the present limits is in the market. This is all important. That Society ought to hold the property for the present at least. So also in regard to the purchase of a lot in Catano. The investment of a few thousand dollars will be secure and bring a return upon it in the future. So you ought to be prepared to take advantage of the extension of the city.

8. It would be well at an early date to select several young men who are native Porto Ricans and educate them for the Lutheran ministry. If this work is to continue and grow, you cannot begin too soon to look for the supplying of this field from its own population. With such workmen under the

direction of your Board and of an American Superintendent there would be the best development of our Mission work here. I present this matter for your earnest consideration. With thus being brought up under your own direct supervision at home, the elevating influences of our institutions and the benefit of associating with our own young men, would have the best effect upon all to whom such would minister in word and in doctrine, as well as in all practical affairs of life here on the island.

9. **Catano.** I have seen the proposition in *The Lutheran* in regard to a church building for that point. If the money should be raised I would suggest that your Board would have such building constructed in the United States. The size, 30x50, would be large enough. You could have the frame work made of iron, with corrugated iron for siding and roofing. They do not have windows. You could have it shipped here free of duty. The doors and shutters could be made here or in the United States, and all that would be needed here would be to put it together. I think perhaps you could get concession on the material. It is a matter worthy of consideration and the practicability of the suggestion examined,

If your Board will consider these observations and recommendations in the spirit in which they are given you, and if God gives you grace to see eye to eye in reference to His own work committed to your care, I trust that my visit here may not have been in vain.

With praying God's blessing to rest upon you personally and individually and also as a Board, with praying that His Spirit may guide you in all your ways, I am Yours very truly in Christ,

F. RICHARDS, Inspector.

We also present the following from the last Report of the Rev. H. F. Richards which doubtless will prove interesting to all the friends of Porto Rico:

HISTORY OF THE MISSION IN PORTO RICO.

Regular organized work in Porto Rico was begun by the Rev. B. F. Hankey and myself upon our arrival here Oct. 29, 1899. Mr. Swensson, of Augustana Seminary, Rock Island, Ills., had labored in San Juan for about a year and had already found a nucleus for an English congregation, and it was therefore decided that the work should be continued in that city. After some preliminary steps a congregation was organized on Jan. 1, 1900, which consisted of 24 members, and to which 2 more were added by confirmation the following Sunday. The larger part of these were Lutherans, chiefly from the Danish Church, of St. Thomas, although others were from Germany and the United States. At the following Easter season (1900) six more were added to the English congregation by confirmation, and a class of 4 which had been instructed by student Swensson were confirmed as a nucleus for our Spanish work, while at the same time 7 were received by letter, making a total membership of 43, which was the maximum. Shortly after this time, the establishment of civil government in the Island, and the subsequent withdrawal of the army were the cause of many of the English

speaking inhabitants leaving the Island, and in May we experienced our first loss, which was gradually followed by others, some returning to the United States, others going to the Philippines, others to St. Thomas and Santo Domingo, until our loss from withdrawals reached 16, while others are away temporarily either visiting or studying in the United States, with the prospect of their remaining there permanently. Others are employed on the sea and can be with us only occasionally. These losses have, however, been counterbalanced somewhat by the accession of 6 new members, so that our English membership is about 30. The attendance, however, is always larger than this. As a rule we have about 50 at our Sunday evening service. During this period there have been baptized 10 infants but no adults. The confirmations have been 9 in English and 4 in Spanish.

The financial activity of the congregation for the year 1900 cannot be accurately given, as the Treasurer of that year is no longer with us, and his account book can not be found. However, the contributions and subscriptions could not have been less than $125. For the first 8 months of this year they amount to $88.27. These amounts, however, do not indicate all that has been raised as special subscriptions which were taken up for different purposes, such as chancel furniture, etc. Before the congregation was organized, collections had been made for the purpose of securing an organ, lecturn and other property. Now this is a very good showing considering the poverty of some of these people, and the struggle which they have for a living and the privations they must undergo by living here.

A Ladies' Aid Society was started in March, 1900, and continued its work uninterruptedly until June, 1901, when it suspended work during the heated term. They expect to resume operations in the Fall. Their work consisted mainly in sewing. They supplied the church with extra lamps, a set of altar vestments for the Trinity season, leaving a balance unexpended of $12.25.

The Spanish work in San Juan was begun with the aid of Mr. Swensson shortly after our arrival. He began holding services for the Porto Ricans and later gave lectures on the Catechism, with the result that four were confirmed at Easter, 1900. But having accepted a position which required his absence from the city, the Spanish work was finally dropped until his return in July, but much of our prospective material had been absorbed by the newly established Methodist Mission which had at just about that time begun vigorous work. So that when our Spanish service was resumed in July it was with a greatly decreased attendance. Thus it continued until the end of September, when Mr. Swensson's return to the United States put all the work, Spanish as well as English, upon myself. With my defective knowledge of Spanish it has been difficult and often impossible to do good work, and after some of my efforts in preaching I have wondered why the people continued to come. Nevertheless, they still come. The attendance at our Spanish service has varied from 10 to 50, and now perhaps averages 30 or 35. The attendance varies, as rains and other causes often interfere greatly. However, it has always been encouraging, and has made me long for the ability to preach to them effectively, or at least grammatically.

The Sunday-school work also deserves mention, and perhaps there is nothing that can show more difference between the first and second year of

our work here. When we first took charge of the Sunday-school which Mr. Swensson had begun, it consisted of about 20 members, but was soon increased to an average attendance of 45. This was divided as follows: a Bible class under Rev. Mr. Hankey, the Spanish class under Mr. Swensson. The Boys' Intermediate was taught by myself and the Girls' Intermediate by a member of the Church Council, while two Infant classes were taught by two young ladies of the congregation. I am the only one of these teachers who has continued in the work and in the Island until now. Our Sunday-school at present averages about 60. A young lady of our congregation has the English Department which ought to be divided into two classes, but which cannot be done at present for lack of teachers. In the Spanish Department, Mrs. Richards has the Bible class, as she is the most fluent one in that language. I have the Intermediate class, and Miss Wahlstedt the Primary class. Our Sunday-school is now in a more encouraging condition than ever before, and I believe is just now on the eve of rapid development, as it is only lately that we have gotten it in such good working order. The Sunday-school contributions have amounted to about $10.00.

In addition to this work in San Juan we have also labored in Catano, a town on the opposite side of the harbor. This work has been exclusively in Spanish. When we first took charge of it, it consisted of a Sunday-school of about 15 children. The attendance remained stationary for about a year, as we were not prepared to do effective work in Spanish. Here in August of last year we made our first attempt at a Parochial School. Mr. Swensson took the principal charge of it. About 30 children paying $1.00 a month each were enrolled, and received 3½ hours instruction every morning. Everything progressed well in this work until Mr. Swensson was obliged to return to the United States, when, as I could not possibly spare the necessary time, this promising work had to be abandoned. About this time Miss Wahlstedt arrived in Porto Rico. The fact that a lady was associated in the work, and her help in canvassing the town, soon largely increased the Sunday-school, and before the close of last year the attendance had grown to 60. After the Christmas season we began a systematic house to house canvass, and almost every house in the place has been visited. The school has grown until the attendance reaches 80 and 90. Both here and in San Juan the enrollment is much larger than the average attendance. One of our greatest troubles in Sunday-school work is the lack of regularity. Many of the children are poor, and often do not have the necessary clothes or shoes. They are often sick and cannot venture out in inclement weather, as the hardier American children do. These and other causes always keep a large percentage of the children absent from Sunday-school.

Since the opening of the year I have been preaching in Catano every Wednesday evening. The services have always been well attended by the Sunday-school children. This has seemed to deter the adults from attending, as they are apt to think our work is only for the children. But there are always a few of the former. I have not urged their attendance very strongly, as I prefer to wait until I am more fluent in Spanish, and more capable of doing efficient work.

The regular schedule of my week's work is as follows: Sunday morning, Sunday-school in San Juan; in the afternoon, at Catano; in the evening, services for the English congregation (San Juan). Wednesday evening we have our Spanish service in Catano. Thursday evening we have it in San Juan. Every Friday afternoon in Catano, at 5 o'clock, I have a second service for the children. This was started mainly for the purpose of teaching them the hymns and music, as we have no time to practice on Sundays. But now the children recite such things as the Commandments, together with Luther's Explanation, read Psalms in concert, and anything else we have not time to do in the Sunday-school. The Friday afternoon services are nearly always well attended. This makes six services for me to conduct every week.

Our work is carried on in exactly the same way that similar work is done at home, with the exception that it requires much more visiting. In San Juan we have our church so located that it does not attract people from the streets, and those who come to our services, are those who have been invited, or are already members. Very few are mere passers-by. This is different from the work of the other churches. The Methodists, for example, began their work in a room, the side of which faced the street, and the greater part of their audience were those who remained in the street. Even to-day one passing along can see all that is transpiring within their church.

Miss Wahlstedt has been devoting her whole time to the work since February. She in addition to the primary work in the Sunday-schools does a great deal of visiting. The greater part of every Thursday and Saturday is devoted to San Juan She goes around from house to house getting acquainted with the people, inviting them to our services, and securing children for the Sunday-school. In case she meets with a favorable reception, I accompany her on her next visit to that place. In other instances where she meets with a refusal, I am spared the loss of time, which would result, if I visited every place with her. As a rule, however, she is very kindly received. There are no evidences of fanaticism. In some places she is told that they are very Catholic, and they may even at times do this rather proudly. However, it is becoming evident that the Roman Church is more actively engaged than ever before in trying to strengthen the loyalty and devotion of its adherents.

In Catano Miss Wahlstedt visits every Wednesday and Friday. I always accompany her on Fridays. We go from house to house, and there is scarcely a house in the town in which we have not been. As a rule so far we have limited ourselves towards trying to secure the children. But few families have refused to send them, and we have met with but little opposition. About 14 months ago the Catholic priest was quite bitter in his denunciation of our work and methods, but he left a short time afterwards because of lack of support. I know of only three instances where children were refused us because we were Protestants. On one occasion Miss Wahlstedt encountered a woman who became quite excited, and tore up her tract and threw it into the street. But she was a stranger in the house. Upon her next visit there the family apologized for the action of their guest. About three weeks ago we stopped at a house and invited the children to Sunday-school. The father came in, and told me he was a Catholic and a Sacristan

of the Church of Santa Anna, one of the churches here in San Juan. After a little talk, he not only agreed to send the children, but promised to come himself Wednesday and asked if he could buy a Bible. He has attended our services since then, and last week asked for a map of the Holy Land, in order to better understand the Bible narratives. Last Friday I visited a house where Miss Wahlstedt told me the woman had been very friendly and interested, but that the man was a Catholic. I went in and talked with him. He at once told me that he was Apostolic, and Catholic, but not Roman. I told him that was exactly what we were, and the Apostolic Church was the one that had the Apostolic Doctrine.

These few instances give an idea of how feeble is the devotion of the people to the Roman Church. In Catano there is only one person opposing us that I know of. She is a Porto Rican teacher and talks against us when the occasion presents itself, and tries to induce our children to stop coming, which counts for little.

The worst thing we have to contend with is the great indifference of the most of the people to religion. They are very careless. When before the present time there was any decided manifestation of religious longing for something better than was afforded by the State Church, the only opportunity offered to gratify their desire, was that given by spiritualism, and the teachings of this religion, if such it may be called, found wide acceptance. The literature of this sect abounds, and it has a hold on the common mind which is surprising to one who investigates the matter.

Our chief need is a Missionary who can speak the Spanish language fluently. In this respect the other Missions have had the advantage over us. As perhaps no such Missionary can be found in our Church, the next best thing is, that a second minister be sent here, and that I be given an opportunity to acquire fluency in the Spanish language, by being relieved of the English work, and allowed to devote myself exclusively to the study of Spanish and to the Spanish work. It is important that this need should be attended to, as no very vigorous work can be carried on with my present imperfect command of the language.

Another necessity in the near future, if the work is to be carried on, is that of a church building. In San Juan the Episcopalians have purchased the property which we occupy, and our lease will expire at the end of the coming year, so that we will be compelled to locate elsewhere. There are no vacant lots to be obtained in the city proper, as it is built up solidly. Perhaps later land may be obtained from the Government. This uncertainty, of course, makes it difficult to give any estimate of the amount of money required, but the sum devoted to this object ought not to be less than $12,000. In Catano also, it is important that we should have a church, both for the impression it would make upon the community, and as a matter of economy. Here, I think, property could be secured and a church erected for $1500 or $2000.

One of our smaller needs until we have churches, is that we have more chairs for our two places of worship. Another need, which is very urgent, is that of Lutheran literature. Spanish literature of a Reformed type is

abundant, but it is a very poor policy to distribute it, and then be compelled to tell them, for instance, that the explanation of the Lord's Supper is not correct. This is almost sure to raise doubts in regard to the rest of the tract. What we need especially is Luther's Catechism. Two Catechetical Classes could have been formed, if we had been supplied with them. But in addition to this we ought to have a certain amount of money to enable us to circulate evangelical literature, and for our Sunday-school children the stories which have been printed both in the United States and in Spain by the Protestant Publication Houses.

The English work, however, must by no means be neglected. Even if its progress is now slow, the day is coming when it will be the language of the land. Then if the Danish West Indies are purchased by our Government, there is no reason why the Lutheran Churches there could not be united with our work. English is the popular language of the islands and the people are acquainted with each other, as many of our people are from there, and the intercourse and business between the two places would be greatly increased. Already the Danish pastor has dropped some of the Danish customs, giving as a reason, that they were not practiced by the Churches in the United States, and it was likely that they would soon be transferred to that country, and would have American pastors. I have been unable to visit those islands, as there are no steamers by which I could return in less than two weeks. But if such transfer is made, and with three or four English congregations there added to the English congregation here, we would soon be in a position to form a Conference, to which those engaged in the Spanish work could belong, and perhaps in this way the work could be sustained by the Conference, and the Board of Foreign Mission relieved of further expense. At any rate, we would be in a position to await development, and, during the period of transition of this Island from a misgoverned Spanish dependency to a place in the American Union, while the superstition and ignorance left by the former administration, gives place to enlightenment and public education, we could take advantage of every opportunity for impressing upon these benighted people, the truth of Christ as taught by our Church.

H. F. RICHARDS.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

A gentleman belonging to St. John's Church, Philadelphia, authorized his pastor, the Rev. Dr. E. E. Sibole, to say to the Board that he would pay the salary of an additional Missionary to Porto Rico for one year. This offer was duly reported but no action has as yet been taken on it because *first*, it was understood that the gentleman referred to was willing that his money should be applied to the purchase of the property in San Juan, should our efforts in that direction be successful, and *second*, since the said efforts failed we have not been able to find the man who is willing to engage

in work in Porto Rico. We hope, however, to secure a pastor before long.

A PROPOSAL.

It ought to be stated that on account of a certain condition of affairs, financial and sentimental, the Board felt constrained to ask the Board of Home Missions to take charge of the work in Porto Rico. This, however, the latter Board declined to do, because it thought its income would not justify the assuming of this additional undertaking. Our Board has therefore continued to care for the field and has earnestly endeavored to make it as successful and to push it as far as the means furnished by the Church would allow.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report will give a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures. We therefore submit only the following brief financial statement:

The Foreign Mission Fund (India.)

Balance	$ 4710 58
Receipts from all sources	46474 55
Total receipts	$51185 08
Expenditures	43605 86
Balance	$ 7579 22

The Missions-Bote Account.

Receipts	$ 4086 24
Expenditures	2843 69
Balance	$ 1242 55

The Foreign Missionary Account.

Receipts	$ 1451 53
Expenditures	1488 21
Overdrawn	$ 36 68

The Porto Rico Fund.

Receipts from all sources	$ 3076 5
Expenditures	3039 76
Balance	$ 37 19

The Porto Rico Property Fund.

Receipts	$ 1011 75

STATISTICS OF THE FIELD IN INDIA.

Number of Missionaries	5
" " Missionaries' wives	3
" " Zenana Sisters	5
" " Native Pastors	2
" " Evangelists, Catechists and Teachers	140
Whole Number of Mission-workers	155
Number of Principal Stations	7
" " Villages where Schools have been established	120
" " " " the Gospel is preached	210
" " Baptisms	1157
" Confirmed	225
Whole number of Christians	6159
Number of Children in the Schools	3500

STATISTICS OF THE PORTO RICAN FIELD.

Missionary	1
Missionary's wife	1
Teacher and Visitor	1
Congregation	1
Number of Members	30
" " Baptisms	10
" " Confirmations	13
Places where services are held	2
Sunday-Schools	2
Average attendance (S. S.) in San Juan	60
" " (" ") " Catano	85

HELP ACKNOWLEDGED.

To the various Ladies' Societies throughout the country; to the contributors to the Christmas boxes; to the supporters of the scholarships; to all who have in any way assisted in forwarding this most excellent work of telling the heathen of the love of Christ our thanks are due and are hereby most gratefully tendered.

CONCLUSION.

Commending the cause of Foreign Missions in both India and Porto Rico to the favorable action of the General

Council, to the continued interest and liberality of our congregations and to the favor and blessing of the Great Head of the Church this report is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Board,

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,
Corresponding Secretary.

LIST OF PROPERTIES BELONGING TO THE MISSION.

The Bhimawaram and Nursapur Taluks, a portion of the Rajahmundry Mission Field, Rajahmundry and also Tadepillygudem.

TALUKS.*	VILLAGE.	AREA OF THE LAND.
Tadepillygudem.	1. Bobarazupalem.	1 acre, 2 cents.
"	2. Meenavilluru.	84 square yards.
Bhimawaram.	3. Bhimawaram.	35½ cents.
"	4. Zakkaram.	397½ square yards.
"	5. Kopella.	112 square yards.
"	6. Chilkoor.	432¾ square yards.
"	7. Vissakoderu.	503½ square yards,
"	8. Agarhatpalem.	352 square yards.
"	9. Thaderu.	268 square yards.
"	10. Annavaram.	120 square yards.
"	11. Uppalaru.	130 square yards.
"	12. Chinnamiram.	15 cents.
"	13. Rayalam.	9 cents.
"	14. Kamtalapilly.	132 square yards.
"	15. Gollalakoder.	Nearly 5 cents.
Tadepillygudem.	16. Tadepillygudem.	2 acres, 4 cents.
"	17. "	1 acre, 60 cents.
"	18. Patala.	175 square yards.
Rajahmundry.	19. Rajahmundry.	3 acres.
"	20. Gonagudem.	
"	21. Gadala.	7 cents.

THE DOWLAISWARAM FIELD.

TALUKS.*	VILLAGE.	AREA OF THE LAND.
Rajamundry Taluk.	1. Dowlaiswaram.	1790 square yards.
" "	2. Dowlaiswaram.	9 acres, 16 cents.
" "	3. Dowlaiswaram.	96 square yards.
" "	4. Dulla.	160 square yards.
" "	5. Muramunda.	750 square yards.
" "	6. Muramunda.	A pit granted by the Government and the pit made over by Rev. Alexander to Dr. Schmidt to prove that there is a Court Judgment.
Ramachandrapuram.	7. Arthamur.	10 cents.
Amalapur Taluk.	8. Lolla.	256 square yards.
Lakshmipolavaram.	9. Lakshmipolavaram.	96 square yards.

THE SAMULKOT FIELD.

TALUKS.*	VILLAGE.	AREA OF THE LAND.
Peddapur Taluk.	1. Samulkot Bungalow Compond.	13 acres, 40 cents.
" "	2. Katlamur.	62 square yards.
" "	3. Katlamur.	54 square yards.
" "	4. Katlamur.	60 square yards.
" "	5. Katlamur.	House.
" "	6. Vseravaram.	36 square yards.
" "	7. Errampalem.	Site for school.
" "	8. Ragampeta.	400 square yards.
" "	9. Peddapur.	600 square yards.
" "	10. Peddapur.	150 square yards.
" "	11. Kota.	180 square yards.
" "	12. Rajagopalem.	Site for school.
Coconada Taluk.	13. Samulkot.	Church site, 459 sq. yds.
" "	14. Samulkot.	Permission to utilize the cemetery.
" "	15. Samulkot.	300 sq. yds. for dwelling house.
" "	16. Goodaparthy.	Two houses.
" "	17. Goodaparthy.	Site for school.
Pittapur Taluk.	18. Pittapur.	257 square yards.
" "	19. Cheybole.	House.
Rumpa Taluk.	20. Adateegala.	1200 square yards.

THE TALLAPUDY FIELD.

TALUK.*	VILLAGE.	AREA OF THE LAND.
Ernagudem Taluk.	1. Brahmagudem.	House.
" "	2. Penakala Metta.	5 cents.
" "	3. Penakala Metta.	18 cents.
" "	4. Kovur.	12 cents.
" "	5. Tallapudy.	5 cents.
" "	6. Tallapudy cemetery ground.	28 cents.
" "	7. Tallapudy (Bethany)	House.
" "	8. Tallapudy Bungalow site.	4 acres.
" "	9. Tallapudy.	4 cents.
" "	10. Tallapudy.	182 square yards.
" "	11. Gowripilly.	56 square yards.
" "	12. Gowripilly.	House.
" "	13. Ponguturu.	64 square yards.
" "	14. Gopalapuram.	245 square yards.
" "	15. Kovur.	280 square yards.
" "	16. Komaradevy.	150 square yards.
" "	17. Arikiravala.	150 square yards.

The Tallapudy Field.—Continued.

TALUK.*	VILLAGE.	AREA OF THE LAND.
Ernagudem Taluk.	18. Aurungabad.	150 square yards.
" "	19. Nanthamur.	36 square yards.
" "	20. Nanthamur.	" "
" "	21. Malakapilly.	72 square yards.
" "	22. Nauthigudem.	96 square yards.
" "	23. Domeru.	1 acre, 3 cents.
" "	24. Bayanagudem.	" "

*) Taluks are Government Divisions and correspond to our Counties.

After the completion of the reading of the report the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the report be received and referred to two different committees, consisting of an equal number of clerical and lay delegates, to formulate action, the one on the part of the report bearing on the Mission in India, and the other on that part bearing on the Mission in Porto Rico, and report at a subsequent session of this convention.

Resolved, That these committees be authorized to hear any complaints and representations that any members of the General Council may desire to make.

Resolved, That Missionary Arps be ordered by the General Council to cancel all engagements in order to enable him to remain at this convention until final action has been taken on the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that any additional expense resulting from his prolonged sojourn be paid by the Board.

Resolved, That the committee, having in charge that part of the report bearing on the Mission in India, be instructed to request Miss Agnes I. Schade to appear before the committee and impart such information as she may be able to give.

Resolved, That the committee be requested to report not later than Tuesday morning.

Resolved, That a list of all the properties belonging to the Foreign Mission work, owned by or in which the General Council has any interest, be embodied in the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The President appointed the following committees, called for in one of the preceding resolutions:

I. ON THE MISSION IN INDIA.

Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D.,	Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph. D.,
" John A. W. Haas,	J. Boyd Duff, Esq.,
" George W. Mechling, D.D.,	Wm. Hengerer,
" Martin L. Wagner,	Jas. M. Snyder,
" Carl A. Evald, D.D.,	Irwin G. Romich,
" Edmund Belfour, D.D.,	Louis W. Kaufmann.

2. ON THE MISSION IN PORTO RICO.

Rev. Adolph L. Yount, D.D.,	Prof. D. C. Cooper,
" Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.,	Mr. Clemens P. Peterson,
" John E. Whitteker, D.D.,	Mr. Oliver Williams,
" Wm. D. C. Keiter,	Dr. S. C. Seiple,
" J. A. Sandell,	Hon. Cyrus R. Lantz.

In the sixth session, the Rev. Dr E. T. Horn, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received, considered item by item, amended by the addition of the eighth item, adopted item by item and as a whole, in the seventh session, as here follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION IN INDIA.

Brethren:—Your Committee to which was referred the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, submits its report as follows:

In addition to the report of the Board, two letters concerning the Foreign Mission work, and addressed to the General Council, were given to the Committee. One was from the Rev. P. Holler and the other from the Rev. Gomer B. Matthews.

A careful reading of the report disclosed to your committee, that the Foreign Mission work in the field in India, at this time, is in a critical condition. The report itself admits of "failures," of "plans frustrated," of "hopes not realized," of "efforts unavailing," and, generally, that there is not yet "brought about that condition of affairs on the field, and that confidence in the work among our friends at home, that we all most earnestly desire to see." As the truth of the matter forced itself upon the Committee, the importance of its proceedings and deliberations was correspondingly felt by every member, with the result that the full membership of the Committee was present at all of the numerous meetings held. And it may be also noted that the conclusions arrived at and now submitted, are entirely unanimous.

The magnitude of the work and the gravity of the situation surrounding it left no choice to your Committee, but to use every means available to inform itself of all the facts to the fullest possible extent, with the view of presenting to the Council proper suggestions of needed changes. To this end the testimony of Rev. R. Arps, one of the Missionaries, and Miss Agnes I. Schade, one of the Zenana Sisters, both of whom are now in this country on furlough, was taken. We also heard Rev. C. F. Kuder, a former Missionary, and several other persons familiar with the subject. In addition to the above certain letters furnished by the Board and others were also considered. At all the hearings for the taking of testimony, Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board, was present by invitation of the Committee, and in addition to giving his own valuable testimony, appeared as a representative of the Board, and by his

cross-examination of the other witnesses, aided the Committee very materially in coming to a full knowledge of the situation.

It appears from its report that our Board has been unanimous in its policy as applied to this Mission. As that policy has not served to extricate the Mission from its difficulties, some of which were reported at the last Convention of the General Council, and more of which have accumulated since, the unanimity of the Board makes it harder for the Committee to suggest a different course. We are confronted by the return of several of the Missionaries from the field, some sick, others entirely discouraged, and it must be frankly told that we have reason to believe that most of those still connected with the Mission, who have been sent out by the Board, are discontented. Our Mission suffers also under the adverse criticism of visitors and residents alike. It further appears that under the present conditions we are not prosecuting the work of Evangelization of the heathen, which we have undertaken in our India Mission. And yet on the other hand your Committee submits that the outlook upon the field itself is full of promise and warrants the belief that under more favoring conditions the hopes of our fathers and ourselves for this work will be abundantly realized.

As your Committee proceeded in conscientious discharge of the duty laid upon it by the General Council, it became more and more apparent that one cause of the troubled condition of affairs was not hard to understand. For while others may be somewhat at fault, and it is evident that defects exist in the management of the Mission, still the testimony clearly discloses that much of the trouble in the Mission arises from the personality and bearing of the Senior Missionary on the field. It is much to be regretted that such is the fact, yet the character of the information brought to your Committee was such, that any other conclusion became impossible.

The letters of Revs. Holler and Matthews were given careful consideration and the action suggested is stated in the recommendations submitted.

Following are the recommendations submitted:

I.—The course of the Board in providing for the security of the titles to the properties of the Mission is approved.

II.—The course of the Board in consulting the Missionaries as to the changes to be made in the Rules and Regulations is also approved.

III.—Even though it should involve increased expense the Board is advised to seek the services of a man of experience and standing in the Church, who would be willing and able to labor in our Mission for a term of years. He should be a man of such wisdom and tact, that, though not put over his fellow-workers, his example would sooth the present irritation, and his experience would inform the Board and the Church.

IV.—The letters of Revs. P. Holler and Gomer B. Matthews be referred to the Board for final disposition.

V.—It is imperative that more Missionaries be sent into the field, and that they should be men and women from our own churches and speaking our own tongue.

VI.—That the Board be directed to recall the Senior Missionary, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.

VII.—We advise that in the election of the new Board of Foreign Missions, one-half of those nominated and elected shall be new men.

VIII.—The Committee has noted with satisfaction and thanksgiving that the contributions to Foreign Missions during the past two years have reached the amount of $50,000. The care of a distant Mission; the direction and maintenance of 125 workers; the supervision of various stations, have occupied the diligence of the Board, and when to this is added the discouragements to which reference has been made, the Board deserves our sympathy. The work of Foreign Missions should engage our sincere interest. We hope for God's blessing upon our Mission in India. We therefore commend it to the prayerful co-operation of our churches.

EDWARD T. HORN,
JOHN A. C. HAAS,
G. W. MECHLING,
M. L. WAGNER,
EDMUND BELFOUR,
C. A. EVALD,
C. W. FOSS,
J. BOYD DUFF,
WM. HENGERER,
JAS. M. SNYDER,
I. G. ROMICH,
LOUIS W. KAUFMANN.

In the eighth session, the Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., Chairman, presented the report of the committee charged with the duty of formulating action on that part of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions bearing on the Missionary operations in Porto Rico. The report was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted, as a whole, as here follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION IN PORTO RICO.

The committee, appointed to consider that portion of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions relating to the work in Porto Rico, respectfully submits the following recommendations for consideration by the Council:

1. That the General Council appoint a Special Board for the work in Porto Rico.

2. That we express our gratification at the efforts put forth by the Board of Foreign Missions in employing all available help in prosecuting this important undertaking, and we urge the Board to press the work with all the vigor that the conditions will allow.

3. That we deem it urgent that at least one additional ordained minister be sent into the field as soon as possible.

4. That we recognize the cordial generosity of the gentleman, a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Philadelphia, Pa., in offering to pay the salary of another Missionary to Porto Rico for one year, and hope

that conditions will soon arise which will enable the Board to avail itself of the kind offer.

Signed by the Committee,

A. L. YOUNT,
F. A. KAEHLER,
J. E. WHITTEKER,
W. D. C. KEITER,
S. A. SANDELL,
D. C. COOPER,
C. P. PETERSON,
OLIVER WILLIAMS,
S. C. SEIPLE,
C. R. LANTZ.

In this connection, on motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, the following action was taken, as amended and finally adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate nine members to constitute the Board of Missions in Porto Rico.

William H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer, presented the following

REPORT of the TREASURER of the GENERAL COUNCIL.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1899-1901.

DR.

To cash, Rev. Hugo Grahn, Agent of the Committee and others, as acknowledged in "Missions-Bote" and Foreign Missionary			$45,553 89
" " Balance from last audit:			
Foreign Mission Fund	$2,610 68		
Missions-Bote	1,730 10		
Foreign Missionary	369 80		
			4,710 58
" " Transferred from Miss Schade's School Building Account			316 09
" " Return of portion of amount of $1,000 paid Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, for traveling expenses on Aug. 31, 1900			604 52
			$51,185 08

CR.

The Treasurer craves credit as follows:

By cash, Rev. R. Arps, salary	$ 1,835 48
" " Rev. R. Arps, account traveling expenses to Europe	625 00
" " Rev. P. Holler, traveling expenses to New York	605 00
" " Rev. P. Holler, salary	1,203 43
" " Rev. P. Holler, paid Presbyterian Ministers' Fund for life insurance	26 14
" " Rev. P. Holler, paid German Literary Board	12 14
" " Rev. P. Holler, paid Rev. Ernst Kauffman	20 00
" " Rev. P Holler, paid I. W. Grumiaux	17 00
" " Rev. P. Holler, paid Rev. E. H. Roller	95 70

By cash,	Rev. P. Holler, paid John N. Lenker	30 00
" "	Rev. P. Holler, paid Martin Warnek	60 00
" "	Rev. P. Holler, paid Rev. E. R. Cassaday, for *Lutheran Church Review*	8 42
" "	Rev. P. Holler, paid Fleming & Revell	33 21
" "	Rev. P. Holler, paid Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., graduation fee for Rev. Holler to Lutheran Seminary, Chicago, Ills	25 50
" "	Rev. C. F. Kuder, salary	67 28
" "	Rev. C. F. Kuder, paid Rev. Schmidt, for traveling expenses of Rev. Kuder	500 00
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, salary	1,838 50
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, paid *The Lutheran*	4 00
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, paid Rev. O. W. Ferm	11 00
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, paid Mrs. J. K. Stillwell	8 00
" "	Rev. H. E. Isaacson, paid Rev. Aug. Johnson	10 00
" "	Miss Lydia Woerner, traveling expenses	346 00
" "	Miss Lydia Woerner, salary	900 00
" "	Rev. H. Grahn, salary and expenses	431 93
" "	Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., ½ offering Wicker Park Church	5 92
" "	Mary J. Drexel Home, do	5 92
" "	A. Oetinger, medicines and drugs for India	99 41
" "	Rev. S. Laird, D.D., for Seminary	20 00
" "	Miss Emilie Weiskotten, salary	557 80
" "	Miss Martha Strempfer, salary	561 15
" "	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, traveling expenses to India	1,000 00
" "	Miss K. Sadtler, salary	937 50
" "	Rev. John Telleen, salary	3,300 00
" "	Rev. John Telleen, trav. exp., printed matter, &c	1,157 00
" "	Rev. F. Wischan, for Syrian Orphanage	12 25
" "	Rev. F. Wischan, for Samaritan Shelter	7 29
" "	Rev. F. Wischan, for Basler Mission	8 00
" "	Rev. Berkemeier, for Emigrant Mission	3 70
" "	Rev. Berkemeier, fare for Rev. Weiskotten, Miss Weiskotten and Miss Strempfer, to Europe	155 00
" "	Rev. E. Neudoerffer, salary	619 22
" "	Rev. E. Neudoerffer, paid Presbyterian Ministers' Fund	22 88
" "	Rev. E. Neudoerffer, paid for outfit as Missionary	100 00
" "	Rev. Gomer B. Matthews, salary	372 86
" "	Rev. Gomer B. Matthews, trav. exp. India to America	50 00
" "	Rev. Gomer B. Matthews, Allentown National Bank	100 00
" "	Rev. Gomer B. Matthews, Presbyterian Ministers' Fund	36 70
" "	Rev. E. Edman, salary	317 63
" "	Rev. E. Edman, traveling expenses	359 15
" "	Rev. E. Edman, paid Edson Wells, for children	3,100 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, paid John Merritt, Executor	131 49
" "	Rev. E. Edman, paid S. J. Edman, for Dr. Edman's children	75 00

By cash,	Rev. E. Edman, paid Anna Carlson	50 00
" "	Rev. E. Edman, paid Rev. A. F. Fant	50 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses	12,376 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for Bimawaram Church	500 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for famine sufferers	1,769 09
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for wall around Compound	358 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for Dr. Woerner's Dispensary	100 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, ten houses for edifice to Rev. E. Edman	200 00
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary	2,238 79
" "	Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for Miss Schade's school building	300 00
" "	Rev. R. Anderson	5 20
" "	S. J. Brobst	1 21
" "	Miss Lottie Swenson, salary	752 50
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, salary	597 25
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, traveling expenses to America	300 00
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, for Miss L. Woerner	200 00
" "	Miss Agnes Schade, traveling expenses	146 89
" "	Rev. L. H. Gemdt, for famine sufferers	149 60
" "	Rev. G. B. Matthews, outfit, tickets, etc	414 50
" "	Rev. G. B. Matthews, freight to India, Pitt & Scott	13 50
" "	Transferred to Unknown Donor Account	2,000 00
" "	Transferred to B. U. Schmauk Legacy Account	500 00
" "	Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, cable messages, stamps, etc	27 27
" "	Revenue stamps for check book	3 00
" "	Postage, car fare, stationery, telephone, etc., for 1899-1900	50 00
" "	Orphans' Home at Germantown	2 00
" "	Transferred to India Famine	5 00
" "	Chas. Scribner's Sons, Rev. Isaacson's account	3 00
" "	R. E. Perkins, postal cards and postage	6 50
" "	Miss Martha Strempfer, outfit as Missionary	100 00
" "	Miss Emilie Weiskotten, " " "	100 00
" "	Thos. Cook & Sons, tickets for Rev. E. Neudoerffer from Philadelphia to Bombay	212 00
" "	Thos. Cook & Sons, tickets from Genoa to Colombo for Rev. Weiskotten, Emilie Weiskotten and Martha Strempfer	462 50
" "	G. S. Swenson, gift from Augustana Synod	10 00
" "	Contribution of Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Manayunk, charged twice	5 25
" "	Williams, Brown & Earle, kodak and film for Rev. Weiskotten for India	36 20
" "	Rev. Aug. Fischer, preaching during Rev. Weiskotten's absence	3 00
" "	Rev. C. F. Hausmann, do	150 00
" "	C. Itter, p. c. as Secretary	6 50
" "	Jos. A. Bremer, expressage and telegrams to Miss Schade	6 30

By cash, W. A. Rafferty, conveyancing bill for drafting letter of attorney to satisfy mortgages and affidavits and expenses in letter of attorney to Rev. Isaacson		17 00
" "	Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, traveling expenses as member of the Foreign Mission Board		50 00
" "	Rev. Kuhn, Minn		1 00
" "	Postage, stationery, car fare, telephone, messenger service, etc., for 1900-1901		50 00
" "	Mrs. F. W. Weiskotten, due on Rev. Weiskotten's traveling expenses and for cuts paid by Mrs. Weiskotten		32 13
" "	Hofstetter Bros., account book		6 00
" "	Transferred to Porto Rico Fund		65 76
" "	Wm. Franck, postal cards		2 54
" "	Rev. R. Arps, advance on trip to America		130 00
		$ 43,605	86
	Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1901	7,579	22
		$ 51,185	08

The above account having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

"MISSIONS-BOTE."

DR.

To cash, received from Rev. Grahn, Agent	$ 4,086	24

CR.

By cash, Edward Stern & Co., printing 25 numbers *Missions-Bote*	2,641	87
" "	Do printing postal cards, programs, etc	50 00
" "	Beck Engraving Co., for cuts, portraits, engravings, etc.	67 81
" "	Press Engraving Co., electrotype	1 80
" "	Cassel & Co., (Limited) cuts	66 96
" "	Ernst Kauffman, pamphlet	1 00
" "	J. S. Quirk Engraving Co., cuts, etc	14 25
	$ 2,843	69
	Aug. 31, Balance on Hand	1,242	55
	$ 4,086	24

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

DR.

To cash, received from Rev. Grahn, Agent, and others	$ 1,451 53
Overdrawn on Aug. 31, 1901	36 68
	$ 1,488 21

CR.

By cash, Rev. E. E. Sibole, expenses	$ 10 00
" " Morgan R. Wills, proprietor Norristown *Herald*, printing 24 numbers *Foreign Missionary*	1,478 21
	$ 1,488 21

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

PORTO RICO BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash, received from various parties, as acknowledged in *Missions-Bote* and *Foreign Missionary*	$ 1,011 75
	$ 1,011 75

CR.

No payments	
Balance on Hand, Aug. 31, 1901	1,011 75

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

PORTO RICO FUND.

DR.

To cash, from various parties, as acknowledged in *Missions-Bote* and *Foreign Missionary*	$ 2,576 95
Return of amount paid Rev. H. F. Richards, purchase money for house of worship	500 00
	$ 3,076 95

CR.

By cash, Rev. B. F. Hankey's salary and expenses	$ 522 88
" " Rev. H. F. Richards' salary and expenses	1,392 22
" " Mr. Swenson's board	26 00
" " Rent church and school house, Catano and San Juan, expenses, etc	101 50

By cash, Benevolent object by Young Ladies' Society, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia		37 50
" " Purchase money for house of worship		500 00
" " Miss Annette Wahlstedt's salary		120 00
" " C. B. Opp, cablegram to Rev. Richards		8 25
" " Lutheran Publication Board, books for Lutheran Congregation at Porto Rico		54 80
" " Rev. John Shunk, included in contribution		4 31
" " Jos. A. Bremer, return of loan with interest		217 33
" " Transferred to Porto Rico Building Fund Account		55 00
	$	3,039 79
Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1901		37 16
	$	3,076 95

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify, that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash, party who desires name withheld, per Rev. John Telleen	$	500 00

CR.

No payments		
Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1901	$	500 00

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, 1877-1901.

Foreign Mission Fund.

1877	5,877 41
1878	6,305 86
1879	5,168 09
1880	6,315 76
1881	7,680 16
1882	7,914 42
1883	7,255 52
1884	10,379 18
1885	14,425 92
1886	10,986 32
1887	8,825 43
1888	10,288 20
1889	12,177 04

1890	10,784 72
1891	13,237 55
1892	14,578 75
1893	17,510 00
1894	16,584 32
1895	20,023 40
1896	18,570 12
1897	19,031 38
1898	20,294 57
1899	18,583 82
1900	24,907 62
1901	23,666 78
	$331,371 64

UNKNOWN DONOR ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash, party who desires name withheld	$ 2,000 00

CR.

By cash, invested by W. W. Kurtz & Co., in $2,000 Electric & People's 4's per cent. 98⅞	1,977 50
Balance on hand uninvested Aug. 31, 1901	22 50
	$ 2,000 00

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901,

B. U. SCHMAUK LEGACY ACCOUNT.

DR.

To cash, B. U. Schmauk legacy (principal to be invested—interest only to be used)	$ 500 00

CR.

By cash, invested in $500 Electric & People's 4's per cent. 99⅝	498 13
Balance uninvested on hand, Aug. 31, 1901	1 87
	$ 500 00

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, in all its particulars, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

(Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,
Auditing Committee.

OCTOBER 1, 1901.

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

1899-1901.

DR.

To cash, received from various parties, as ackowledged in *Missions-Bote* and *Foreign Missionary*	$ 6,382 64

CR.

By cash, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for India famine	$ 5,841 00
Balance on hand, Aug. 31, 1901	541 64
	$6,382 64

The above account, having been carefully examined by me, I do hereby certify that I have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof. (Signed) JOSEPH A. BREMER,

OCTOBER 1, 1901. Auditing Committee.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1899-1901.

DR.

To cash, Home Mission Board	$ 152 00
" " Board of Publications	1,369 67
	$1,521 67
Overdrawn	110 51
	$1632 18

CR.

By cash, Overdrawn, 1897–1899	$ 62 28
" " Henry Schubert, services as Sexton, at 27. Convention General Council at Chicago	10 00
" " Rev. H. W. Roth, amount advanced to Rev. Ruccius for traveling expenses	50 00
" " W. H. Staake, amount paid Rev. G. H. Gerberding, official visitor of General Council to Ev. Luth. Joint Synod, Ohio, traveling expenses	5 00
" " Rev. W. K. Frick, general express and postage	150 00
" " Rev. W. K. Frick, for King, McGee Co., printing Minutes, on account	250 00
" " do do balance	229 21
" " Craig, Finley & Co., printing Foreign Missionary Reports	170 00
" " 4900 reports sent to Rev. Telleen, paid Craig, Finley & Co.	5 46
" " King-Cramer Co	152 00
" " Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, for translating reports	25 00
" " do postage	57 00
" " Wartburg Printing House, postage 1500 Minutes G. C.	406 00
" " Rev. W. K. Krick, for transcribing Minutes	40 00
" " C. A. Marks, programs, &c.	20 23
	$1,632 18

The report was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes; and the General Expense Account was referred to the following Auditing Committee: Revs. Dr. D. H. Geissinger and O. E. Pflueger, and Mr. A. S. Haines.

In the eighth session, the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to audit the General Expense Account of the Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq., beg to report that, having examined the same, with the accompanying vouchers, they find the said account to be correct.

REV. D. H. GEISSINGER,
REV. O. E. PFLUEGER,
MR. A. S. HAINES.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, the interesting summary of receipts for Foreign Missions, presented by the Treasurer, was ordered to be printed in the Minutes in connection with the report of the Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Oliver Williams, it was

Resolved, That, in recognition of the fact that our Treasurer, William H. Staake, Esq., has faithfully and most ably served the General Council as its Treasurer for twenty-five years, we do hereby tender him our deepest and heartiest thanks for his invaluable service, and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon and abide with him through all his life.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. C. J. Cooper, it was

Resolved, That the sum of $1800.00 be apportioned to the Synods, belonging to the General Council, on the basis of representation in the same, for the purpose of providing for the general expenses of the General Council.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Fourth Session.

Saturday, October 12, 1901, 2 P. M.

The Matin service was conducted by the Rev. O. P. Smith, D.D., of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Chairman, presented the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The General Council Sunday-school Committee desires to call the earnest attention of the schools and pastors of the Lutheran Church to the danger of using the International Lessons as a basis for Sunday-school instruction. Though the lesson literature in use in any school may be perfectly sound in itself, and perfectly sound in its teaching, yet a large number, perhaps a majority of the intelligent teachers of the school probably, will turn to the "Lesson Helps" on the International Lessons which can be had in addition to and outside of those that are printed by the Church itself. Among the most widely circulating, the most able and conservative of these expositors of the Sunday-school lesson, has been the *Sunday-School Times* of Philadelphia. And yet this paper has been admitting to its columns a series of articles for the teacher by a writer who does not believe in the historical character of the Old Testament record. In the issue of June 29th, in commenting on the lesson, Genesis 3: 1–15, this author says to Sunday-school teachers: "What shall we teach the children about this and other stories of pre-historic times in the Old Testament? We certainly ought not to teach them what we do not ourselves believe. If you believe that this story is literal history, you will so teach it. If not, you may be helped by considering two principles." He also advises the teachers to read Ryle's "Early Narratives of Genesis." Now these "Narratives" reduce not only the Antediluvian but also the Patriarchal Period of Genesis to the realm of myth and legend. Not only Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel never had a historical existence, but Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never existed as living personages. The same writer of the *Sunday-School Times*, in the issue of June 22nd, speaking of the first chapter of Genesis, says of this chapter: "It is a poetic picture of the evolution of nature, without any attempt at a scientific description of physical events." The writer also speaks to the Sunday-school teachers as follows: "The Bible shows of itself that Genesis is not its oldest book.

That appears to have been the Book of the Covenant, which refers apparently to the chapters in Exodus." The same writer then directs the teacher to teach his class as follows: "Explain that the order in making the Bible was, first, the primitive laws of the people when the nation was organized; then, accounts of the ways the laws were adopted and applied; then, these prefaced by a statement that the beginning of the nation through appointment of Moses as the leader, and the going out from Egypt. Later came the attempt to account for the sources from which Israel sprang, and for the peoples with which Israel was related. And this account is the opening chapters."

This is the negative criticism in a nutshell and the teacher who studies the International Lessons in the *Sunday-School Times* is directed by one of its writers to teach these things to children of the Intermediate Department, to young people of from eight or ten to sixteen years of age.

Not to do injustice to the *Sunday-School Time*s, it must be stated that the large majority of its teaching directions are on the conservative side, but the presence of a writer in its columns who directs Intermediate teachers to explain to scholars that the Book of Genesis is composed of tradition, myth and fable, turned to use by a later redactor for religious purposes, is sufficient to render it and all similar Sunday-school helps unsafe for the average Sunday-school teacher.

There are "Lesson Helps" on the International Series published in New York and Chicago which go a great deal further, in reducing the Scriptures to the realm of mythical literature, cosmogony and folk-lore. *The New York Evangelist* in its weekly "Sabbath-school Lesson Helps" is said to advocate the importance of the Higher criticism, the new Theology, of liberality and advanced thought in Sunday-schools. These "Lesson Helps" of the *Evangelist* are said to assert that the first chapter of Genesis has no historical value, that it informs us merely of the ideas which the human race had in its childhood; that the Church has made a great mistake in allowing these sections to be regarded as histori-

cal; that the narrative of the Fall is not historical, but a spiritual truth; that the narrative of the "apotheosis" of Enoch is a myth; and the history of the Flood an old legend, etc. The international "Senior Quarterly," published in Chicago, is edited in the same vein.

It is the belief of your Sunday school Committee that no matter how sound a pastor may be in his preaching, or how good the accepted lesson-helps may be in their teaching, there is greater danger of the poison of rationalism entering into the Schools of the Church through the teaching of intelligent and well-minded laymen, who naturally and properly desire to reach out beyond the average and limited instructions provided in the condensed official publications of the Church, and who unknowingly become imbued with the views of liberal writers and fall victims to the teaching that bears in itself a tendency to destroy some of the fundamental doctrines of the Word of God and of the Church.

WORK OF THE LAST TWO YEARS.

The Sunday-school Work Committee has been developing our Sunday-school text books, in accordance with the System of Grading and Instruction, adopted two years ago. Since the last report made, it has originated three complete sets of Lessons, with Helps for the Teacher, in the Primary Department; has secured the control of the German Lesson Scripture Quarterly and is issuing it; has issued Bible Geography and Bible Biography, and will be prepared to issue Bible Teachings by the first of next Advent, and Bible Literature by next Advent a year. It is now offering the following apparatus:

LIST OF PRESENT PUBLICATIONS.

1. *Primary Teacher's Quarterly*, illustrated.
2. Kindergarten *Sunbeams*, illustrated.
3. Children's Division *Sunshine*, illustrated.
4. Junior Division *Sunrays*, illustrated.
5. *Bible Story*. Bound form for teachers.
   " " " " scholars.

6. *Bible Story.* Quarterly form for teachers.
7. *Bible Story.* Quarterly form for scholars.
8. *Bible History.* Bound form.
9. *Bible History.* Quarterly form. Separate bound book for teachers.
10. *Bible Geography.* Quarterly form.
11. *Bible Geography.* Bound form (to be ready by Advent).
12. *Bible Biography.* Quarterly form.
13. *Bible Biography.* Bound form (to be ready by next Spring).
14. *Teacher's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.*
15. *Scholar's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.*
16. *Lesson Commentary* for Sunday-schools of the Lutheran Church. Bound form.
17. *Biblische Erzæhlungen.* Bound form.
18. *Sonntagschul-Lektionsblætter.* Quarterly form.
19. *Home Department* Supplies.
20. *List of Daily Scripture Lessons* for Students and Bible Readers.

COMPLETION OF GRADED SERIES.

Primary and Picture Charts.

The Committee hopes to have the whole Series of Graded Text Books completed and in the market by the time of the next meeting of the General Council, two years hence. It has also succeeded in selecting a Standard Two Years' Course of Pictures for the Junior Department, from which it proposes to print large colored picture charts as soon as the number of schools using our Primary literature becomes sufficient to warrant the expenditure that is involved in such an undertaking. The Committee is of the opinion that its arrangement for primary instruction at the present time, and without the picture charts, are of such a complete character as to be unequalled by those of any denomination or church in this country, and yet the use of this Primary literature by our Sunday-schools has been growing only very gradually, and a large majority of the schools in the General Council are still without it.

SUCCESS OF THE GRADED SERIES.

To judge from the correspondence which the Committee has had with those who actually are using the General Council Graded System, it is affording an extraordinary degree of satisfaction. Within the last two years there has been a very wide awakening on the part of non-Lutheran Sunday-schools throughout the country to the weakness of teaching the same lesson to all grades and kinds of scholars in the school, and in consequence there is a very decided appreciation of the necessity for graded Sunday-schools. The merits of our system have been acknowledged. The International system is trying to meet the situation in two ways: First, by introducing supplemental graded lessons in addition to the uniform ungraded lesson; and secondly, by grading the introduction given on the one Lesson. The Lutheran Church, by grading the lesson itself, as well as the instruction given it, is in a position to do most effective work.

Some denominations are beginning to discover that a merely Christian or international teaching of Scripture to the youth is not the best way of training up a church membership. Thus a recent non-Lutheran article says:

"We believe in a denominational Sunday-school; one that is denominational not only in name but in reality; one in which a parent can place his child with some degree of assurance that when the child is grown he will be a well-informed member of the denomination to which he belongs, so thoroughly indoctrinated that the prospect of marriage, or partnership in business, or any other common temptation will not overthrow his religion in future years and take him away into other folds. We do not believe that this can be done in the ordinary Sunday-school as it exists to-day.

"We believe in a Sunday-school graded after the pattern of the public school, so that the children will not be contrasting the insufficiency of the one with the excellence of the other. Instead of taking the same International Lessons and grading the instruction given acording to the age and capacity of the pupils, we believe that the better plan is to classify or

grade the lessons themselves according to some wise and uniform curriculum of study under denominational supervision. Such instruction would be cumulative, and in the truest sense scientific."

CO-OPERATION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD IN A COMMON LUTHERAN SYSTEM.

The merits of our system have been acknowledged even where it has been impossible to introduce the same, and the only unfavorable criticisms that thus far have reached the Committee have been from members of bodies which are very far apart in their views as to what constitutes proper Sunday-school training, viz: The German Lutheran Iowa Synod and the Sunday-school Committee of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, which Committee is vitally interested in retaining the International Course of Study in General Synod schools.

When the editor of the General Council System, who was also the delegate to the General Synod this year, reached Des Moines, with the General Council's informal proposals for co-operation in a Common Series of Lutheran Lessons, he was warmly welcomed by the large body of clergy and laymen with whom he came in contact, and on unfolding his Sunday-school propositions in private was urged to bring them before the General Synod in his address to that body. But on being advised by the President of the General Synod not to touch on this matter of Common Sunday-school Lessons for the Lutheran Church in America, and on discovering that the Sunday-school Committee of the General Synod was against the adoption of such a Common System, and had already prepared a report adverse to the action taken by the General Synod itself at its meeting at York, the General Council representative concluded that it would not accord with the character of his position to interfere in any sectional issue of another general body however interested the General Council might be in the result of that issue, and that it might become a breach of privilege to introduce a subject on a floor which had been granted by the Presiding officer with the ad-

vice not to bring the General Council's desires before the body, but lay the same before the Sunday-school Committee. As, however, no arrangement was made by the Presiding officer for your representative to meet the Sunday-school Committee, the "Common Lutheran Lesson" proposition of the General Council was not received or considered by the General Synod. On the contrary, at the educational meeting of the General Synod, the speaker, a member of that body's Sunday-school Committee, said, "The Lutheran Church requires a course, not as over against the International Lessons, but as supplementary. . . . . It is cause for general rejoicing that the International Lesson Committee has felt the pressure of the necessity for an adapted course of study. To meet this necessity will require years of toil. No graded system yet produced is in any sense practically satisfactory." And the report of the Sunday-school Committee, which was adopted by the General Synod, is a practical rejection of all Graded Systems now in use.

In private conversation the representative of the General Council came to the conclusion that while a large part and very probably a majority of the General Synod might have been brought to see the desirability of using a Common Series of Lutheran Lessons, if the matter had been properly explained to it, yet the Sunday-school Committee and the Publication Board were set against doing anything which would afford the appearance of giving up the use of the International Lessons.

The Sunday school Committee of the General Synod had been charged by the General Synod at York "to formulate a Series of Graded Lessons for the Primary and Intermediate Departments of our Sunday-schools, said Committee to report at the next meeting of the General Synod." The Committee reported that it had held two meetings concerning the best system of graded lessons, one at Gettysburg and one at Philadelphia, and that though they were united upon the desirability and importance of graded lessons, they did not understand what the report adopted by the former General

Synod meant when it said, "We believe the time has come for the General Synod to formulate a series of lessons more fully in harmony with the Church year." The majority of the Committee did not believe that it was possible to study the Bible to the best advantage according to the definite order of the Church year, and were convinced that the observance of the great Church Festivals, as at present, was all that could profitably be given place in the consecutive study of the Bible. Nor did the Committee feel authorized, as the General Synod had formally adopted the International System, "to ignore the International System in favor of one based on the Church year." Moreover, the Committee reported that it expects to wait for the Primary Graded Lessons which it hopes the International Committee itself will prepare for 1902, and proposes "to issue in the near future a Two Years' Course for Adults that may be made a Five Years' Course."

The Committee explains this method of dealing with the matter by saying: "Investigation has developed the fact that no one of the graded systems now in use is satisfactory and that every one has grave defects;" and says "your Committee for the above reasons therefore did not obey the letter of instructions given to them, though they believe that they have complied with the spirit of your resolution."

Thus it appears that the General Synod Sunday-school Committee, without hearing the representative of the General Council Committee on Sunday-school work, has decided for the present at least to adhere to the International Lessons and to prepare a Graded Series of its own, and explains the situation by saying that everyone of the Graded Systems in use at present has grave defects, with the inference that it would not therefore be wise to adopt any of them.

From the whole proceeding, the conclusion may fairly be drawn that the General Synod does not at this time desire any greater unity in the Lutheran Church on the basis of a Common Lutheran System of Sunday-school Lessons. At the same time, as will appear from the report of the delegate

on co-operation with other General Bodies, the General Synod is willing to have its Commission on co-operation give careful consideration to such suggestions as may be made for the common use of a Lutheran Graded System, if such a system can be originated without the giving up of the International Lessons by the General Synod.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GRADED SERIES.

Bible History is now undergoing a thorough revision. The lessons are being shortened, and a comprehensive "guide" for teaching every lesson is being added to the Teacher's book. It is expected that the revised edition will be a great improvement over the old book. The step between Bible Story and Bible History is a very long one, and it has been deemed expedient to make preparations for the issue of a new grade text book, which shall find its place between Bible Story and Bible History, and which shall be known as Bible Readings. With the introduction of this new grade, the ascent from Bible Story to Bible Readings, and from Bible Readings to Bible History will be a gradual one, and one for which the pupils are properly fitted. Bible Readings will be constituted of some of the matter omitted from Bible History for the purpose of abridging the latter, together with a large number of Scripture passages of pointed, proverbial and practical wisdom, which should be impressed on the mind of the youth just at this period, somewhat after the manner of the German education in Bible Proverbs, and for which there is no other provision in the Series.

We recommend that Bible Readings be adopted as an additional grade between Bible Story and Bible History in the General Council System of Training and Instruction.

A GRADED SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONSTITUTION.

In Sunday-schools that are graded in accordance with the system adopted by the General Council, the divisions and departments, and the general administrative methods, to be most efficient, will differ in some respects from those prevailing in the traditional school. This, together with the

fact that the Sunday-school should be considered an integral part of the Church, and an effective organ of the same, under the direction of the Church itself, leads the Committee on Sunday-school work to propose the adoption of a model Sunday-school Constitution, which shall include some suggestions as to the method of organizing and administering the same, for Graded General Council Schools.

We recommend that the Committee be authorized to prepare and issue such a Constitution.

GERMAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

During the past two years the German Scripture Quarterlies, which hitherto had been published by Louis Kaufmann as a private enterprise, although the General Council furnished the copy for the Quarterlies, have been brought under the control of the General Council, and are now owned, edited and published in its name, and the thanks of the Council are due to Mr. Kaufmann. During the summer of 1900, word was received by the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday-school Work from Dr. G. C. F. Haas, the Chairman of the German Sub-Committee in New York, to the effect that his Committee was disintegrating. When the German Quarterly came into control of the Council last fall the Chairman of the Sunday-school Work Committee, with the assistance of Dr. G. C. F. Haas, in attending to printing and proofs, was successful in getting out the first number of the new Quarterlies in the short space of time still remaining, and as time was too precious to be wasted in attempting to secure a committee which after all might decline to undertake the work, the Chairman of the Sunday-school Committee came to the conclusion that the proper and only thing for him to do was to assume the responsibility personally of the issue of these leaves until the next meeting of the General Council. This course has been approved by your Committee.

We recommend that the thanks of the General Council be extended to Mr. Kaufmann, of New York, for the voluntary transfer, without compensation, of the *Lektionsblætter* to the General Council.

One of the great needs of our German Sunday-schools is a text book to follow the "Biblische Erzæhlungen" in grade, and thus make provision for that large portion of the German Sunday-school which is beyond this elementary text book and yet not sufficiently advanced to make use of the German Scripture Quarterly. A number of pastors of the New York Ministerium have suggested that a Bible History which should condense and combine to some extent and in an elemen ary way the features of Bible History, Bible Geography, Bible Biography and Bible Teaching, and which should embrace a two years' course of 104 lessons, be prepared, perhaps under the term "Biblische Geschichte," and be issued to supply the link still missing in the German chain of grades. The Rev. Dr. Haas, of New York, is willing to undertake the editorial supervision of a work of this kind, which shall be particularly adopted for what may be called the Int rmediate Department of the German Sunday-schools, and which shall follow "Biblische Erzæhlungen," and connect with the German Lesson Quarterlies in our German System. The publication of a full line of grade books is not deemed advisable, both because of the large expense to German Schools in the purchase of text books, the smaller number of years in which the average German scholar attends his Sunday-school, thus rendering a long series of grades impracticable, and the large outlay to the Publication Board with a comparatively small return.

We recommend that the Sunday-school Work Committee and the Board of Publication be instructed to prepare and issue the text book mentioned above.

The Board of Publication was instructed by the General Council to issue a German Primary paper, but as the Sunday-school Work Committee and the Board of Publication learned that such a paper was already being issued by the wife of the late and lamented Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, of Philadelphia, it was not deemed advisable to take further steps in the issue of such a German Primary paper. We now recommend the following action :

I. That the Board endeavor to purchase from Mrs. Weiskotten, the Ger-

man paper, now being published by her, the Sunday-school Work Committee retaining her as its editor; or, if that cannot be effected;

II. That the Board endeavor to have her insert the Primary Lessons of the General Council Graded System and furnish her, free of cost, the cuts used in illustration.

SWEDISH SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The Sunday-school Work Committee is of the firm conviction that it should do all that lies in its power to encourage the use of both the Swedish and the English Sunday-school literature that is published by the Augustana Book Concern, in all Swedish-English schools. But it feels that where Swedish schools are using the International Sunday-school literature, a determined effort should be made to introduce that which is Lutheran. If the Augustana Synod will recommend the introduction of General Council supplies for use in all schools where the International literature is used, this Committee recommends that a rebate be allowed the said Synod, or its Book Concern on such supplies; or if the Book Concern of the Augustana Synod will use the General Council English supplies, under its own imprint, the Sunday-school Work Committee recommends that the Publication Board be requested to make such an arrangement with the Augustana Book Concern.

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL APPARATUS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use; and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts at the same times as heretofore to the Committee for expenses, as already provided for by the Council in past years.

2. *Resolved*, That the action of the Council, authorizing the Committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the Committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Board will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

3. *Resolved*, That the action of the Council two years ago, giving the Committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be reaffirmed.

4. *Resolved*, That a Sunday-school Constitution for Graded Schools of the Council be prepared and published.

5. *Resolved*, That the Sunday-school Committee and the Board of Publication be requested to issue an additional Grade book to be called "Bible Readings" and a German Intermediate Grade book, to be called "Biblische Geschichte;" that the Committee to edit the German Sunday-school Quarterly consist of the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday-school Work, Theodore E. Schmauk, Prof. Wackernagel and Rev. A. Steinhaeuser, and that the Board of Publication set apart $15.00 per quarter for editorial expenses on this German Quarterly.

APPRECIATION OF AID EXTENDED TO THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Sunday-school Work desires to draw attention to the great credit that is due to the Board of Publication in furthering and executing the efforts of the Committee in the production of a satisfactory Sunday-school Series, and also to give credit to a number of writers whose names are not mentioned in the Sunday-school Series, but who have been faithful aids of the Committee in the production of its manuscripts. The name of Dr. W. L. Hunton was last year inadvertently omitted from the list of names constituting this Committee, and should appear in the new list.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed] THEODORE E. SCHMAUK,
JOHN E. WHITTEKER,
R. F. WEIDNER,
F. A. KÆHLER,
G. C. F. HAAS,
G. W. MECHLING,
W. K. FRICK,
H. W. ROTH,
W. L. HUNTON.

The report was received, considered item by item, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the report, as a whole, was adopted.

In this connection the following resolutions were adopted. On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that its Sunday-school Literature should have the widest circulation possible and that it, therefore, authorizes its Board of Publication to give it the widest possible advertisement that in its judgment would be necessary and helpful to this end.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Seiss,

Resolved, That the Committee on Sunday-school Literature be authorized to print in *The Lutheran* the facts given in the first part of its report bearing on the subject of heretical teachings in the publications for Sunday-schools and that all other papers published within the General Council be requested to publish these facts.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. O. P. Smith,

Resolved, That the General Council, through its Committee on Sunday-school Work, prepare a list of desirable books suitable for Sunday-school Libraries.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzman, D.D., Superintendent of the Board of English Home Missions, presented the following report of the work of the Board during the past two years:

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

We closed the last report with the joyous tidings that the full amount toward wiping out the $12,000 indebtedness had been pledged. This debt had been the growth of years, and every dollar of it has been paid. Had the Board been able to secure what the Council had apportioned to the Synods for its work, there never would have been a debt or financial distress among its Missionaries. And if the Synods will henceforth contribute the amounts asked for, the Board will not only have no deficit, but will never need to resort to special efforts and appeals, and will be enabled to plant many more churches in the destitute portions of our land.

THE VISITATION OF OUR MISSIONS.

Upon the adjournment of the General Council the Superintendent proceeded to make a systematic visitation of the Missions under the care of our Board. The details of the individual Missions were given in weekly reports through the columns of *The Lutheran*. In general we might say that all our Missions, both East and West, are well located in leading cities of our land, and have been manned by faithful and self-denying Missionaries. The progress made for the aid extended has been remarkable for pioneer work. Under the frequent changes, the heavy indebtedness resting on the Mis-

sions, and the sufferings of the Missionaries by reason of their small salaries, often in arrears for six to nine months, none but a Lutheran Mission of the most hardy type could survive. That they lived on is remarkable, and that they made the progress which their records show is marvellous. When we consider the opposition aroused to the planting of many of our Missions, the heavy financial responsibilities which this handful of people were compelled to assume—the debts ranging from Nine to Twenty Thousand Dollars—and the inadequate assistance which the Church permitted the Board and Extension Society to furnish them; we are all the more astonished that we are able to furnish the statistical table, which will be given. We had the ungathered people (and have them now), but so far as men and means are concerned we lack and have lacked. We were compelled to either enter upon our work under these disadvantages or lose the nucleus at hand and surrender our opportunity. The wisdom of the Board's choice amid the dilemma is evident, and will become more patent as the work progresses. Portland, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Racine, St. Paul and North St. Paul have organized Mission Sunday-schools. Our Missionaries established the Mission at Goodhue and Cannon Falls, which became self-sustaining in a period of two years, the Mission at Kenosha, which receives but $150 for the first year, the Parish at Ellsworth and River Falls, and another at Lindstrom are self-sustaining from the outstart. In 1898 we had 5 Churches and 5 Sunday-schools in Minnesota and 1 Church and 1 Sunday-school in Wisconsin, to-day we have 11 Churches and 14 Sunday-schools in the former and 6 Churches and 7 Sunday-schools in the latter State.

In no section of our land, so recently settled, has English Home Mission work made such progress. And the work and the territory on which it is to be done, are still in their infancy. In the East we have indeed a fruitful field for English Missions, but we must not forget that in those sections the first generations were lost to our Church, and that the early beginning of the work was not promising. But what

we need to emphasize over and over again is that we must raise up Missionaries, specially trained in our schools, and then provide a far larger Church Extension Fund, so that we may enter and establish ourselves firmly in our growing cities with the mighty Word and Sacraments. Proper men and adequate means will do wonders Could we now make a non-interest bearing loan to our Missions, quite a number would be self-sustaining and would have been so from the first, and the rest would considerably reduce the annual appropriation now made them by the Board.

The biennium past has been one of incessant labor. Though we have not been able to enlarge the field of our operation, each year adds new and additional cares and duties to the office. Besides the visitation of Missions, their constant care, the large correspondence, the preparation and issue of services, envelopes and pyramids for the Reformation and Lenten offerings, effort has been made to inform as many of our congregations as possible concerning the opportunity God has given to our Church and our duty in the matter. Congregations connected with all our Synods have been visited, and itineraries prepared and carried out in parts of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, for all the congregations having any English in the New York Ministerium and all the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio, in which your Superintendent presented the cause five nights in the week and from three to five times on Sunday. We are more and more convinced that if our people are rightly and lovingly informed concerning the important work of our Church in this land, that they will furnish both the men and the means.

PASTORAL CHANGES.

Rev. H. A. W. Yung has been called from the Decatur to the Seattle Mission.

Rev. H. Peters from the Toledo to the Decatur Mission.

Rev. W. A. Sadler, Ph.D., resigned the Chicago Mission to fill the English Professorship in the Iowa Synod's

Theological Seminary at Dubuque, and Rev. J. R. E. Hunt has been called to his place.

Rev. Zweizig resigned the Portland Mission and Rev. J. A. Leas has become his successor.

Rev. Wm. Brenner has been called to the Mission at The Dalles.

Rev. E. A. Trabert resigned the Mission at La Crosse, and Rev. A. C. Carty has taken charge.

Rev. H. Martens has become the successor of Rev. A. C. Sumons at the Salt Lake City Mission.

Rev. D. W. Michael succeeded Rev. S. W. Kuhns at Duluth.

All these changes were made at great expense to the Board, as they had to pay their traveling expenses from the points from which they were called to their destination.

We feel satisfied that by proper management the Missions will continue to make progress so that the amount now paid to these Missions may be greatly reduced, in fact such reductions have been made several times during the past biennium.

Our Missions at Syracuse, N. Y., Toledo, Ohio, and Goodhue, Minn., have become self-sustaining.

We have taken on the funds of the Board, St. James Mission at St. Paul, and the Church of the Holy Communion at Racine, Wis.

STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER 1900 TO SEPTEMBER 1901.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY SCH.		CONTRIBUT.				
			Bapt.	*Com.*	*Loss.*	*Gain.*	*Enrollm.*	*Gain.*	*Benev.*	*Local.*	*Funded Debt.*	*Property.*	*Value.*
1. Boston, Mass.	St. Mark.	Edwin F. Keever.	261	161	2	6	55	22	$ 60 50	$1447 41	$ 9800 00	-	$ 12,500
2. Newark, N. J.	Grace.	M. S. Waters.	285	140	11	22	168	38	69 50	1192 14	7500 00	Church.	13,500
3. Anderson, Ind.	St. John.	W. J. Fink.	225	82	3	5	103	9	55 30	845 13	2500 00	Church and Par.	6,800
4. Decatur, Ill.	First English.	H. Peters.	130	90	2	10	107	53	35 00	1300 00	.....	Church.	17,500
5. Chicago, Ill.	St. John's.	J. R. E. Hunt.	140	100	..	18	94	11	30 00	650 00	4500 00	Church.	6,000
6. Milwaukee, Wis.	Redeemer.	W. K. Frick.	536	300	12	58	217	3	193 38	1700 00	14000 00		19,000
7. Racine, Wis.	Holy Communion.	G. F. Gehr.	241	100	6	37	192	192	142 50	650 24	.....	Lot.	2,300
8. St. Paul, Minn.	Trinity.	C. L. Warstler.	225	75	5	19	166	51	55 48	616 27	1750 00	Church.	3,500
9. St. Paul, Minn.	St. James.	F. E. Jenson.	250	95	4	26	126	...	56 75	549 88	5000 00	Church.	5,000
10. Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem.	G. H. Trabert, D.D.	249	134	20	28	236	75	153 79	5990 00	.....	Church and Par.	7,600
11. Duluth, Minn.	St. John.	D. W. Michael.	321	95	5	19	137	27	69 00	537 00	8000 00	Church and Par.	9,000
12. Fargo, N. D.	St. Mark.	H. K. Gephart.	179	115	20	24	190	27	66 07	566 00	.....	Church and Par.	3,700
13. Salt Lake City, Utah.	Holy Trinity.	H. Martens.	34	26	..	6	26	7	27 00	276 00	9000 00	Church and Par.	13,000
14. Spanish Forks, Utah.	" "	Vacant.	78	53	..	2	17	23	.....	.....	.....	Church.	1,300
15. Seattle, Wash.	" "	H. A. W. Jung.	77	54	2	11	62	7	25 00	713 68	.....	Sold pro'rty, purchased lot.	
16. Tacoma, Wash.	St. John.	W. F. Holl, (Supply.)	70	42	2	5	36	1	47 45	365 00	2500 00		2,500
17. Portland, Ore.	St. James.	J. A. Leas.	130	73	..	10	66	..	36 90	1189 61	20700 00	Church and Par.	25,800
18. The Dalles, Ore.	Zion.	Wm. Brenner.	140	70	7	22	83	23	45 10	540 00	1800 00	Church.	4,000
19. La Crosse, Wis.	Holy Trinity.	A. C. Carty.	96	46	..	11	146	69	26 99	221 86	1450 00	Lot.	1,450
BECAME SELF-SUSTAINING.													
20. Syracuse, N. Y.	Redeemer.	U. J. Klingensmith.	362	265	16	44	288	10	160 00	1122 42	4500 00	Church.	10,000
21. Toledo, Ohio.	St. Matthew.		240	150	6	30	250	9	115 00	1095 00	2750 00		6,800
22. Goodhue, Wis.	St. Luke.	M. E. Boulton.	112	70	7	23	75	10	30 70	439 50	.....	Church.	2500
These Figures are for 1900-1901.			4381	2336	130	436	2840	555	1501 41	22007 14	95,750 00		173,750
Report of 1877-99.			....	1866	...	...	2115	...	.....	.....	.....		168,155
Increase in Biennium.			....	470	...	...	725	...	.....	.....	.....		5,600

This report shows a triumph amid great difficulties. These 22 Missions, with a communicant membership of 1866 in 1899, have carried an indebtedness of $95,750.00 on which at the rate of 6 per cent. they paid annually $5,745. Our Mission at Salt Lake City has a debt of $9,000, consequently an interest burden of $540 annually, or $20.76 per communicant member. In addition these people must pay for light, fuel, janitor, repairs, etc. Can we expect a Mission to grow under these circumstances, and yet, in spite of these uncongenial facts, that Mission reports a gain of 6 communicants and 7 Sunday-school pupils for the last year. The Missions, still under the care of the Board, have a funded indebtedness of $88,500. Could we raise a sufficient Church Extension Fund and loan it to them, we could reduce our appropriation to these Missions by at least $6,000 immediately. What a relief to them, and how it would enable us to begin at least a dozen additional Missions with the money we are now expending. Yet, in spite of this, we have 470 more communicants and 725 more Sunday-school pupils in our Missions in 1901 than we had in 1899. And in this we do not include the communicants in the self-sustaining congregations and the Mission schools which have been established in the territory. This inspires us with increased hope for the future and arouses us to new zeal.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF E. AUG. MILLER, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

From September 1, 1899, to August 31, 1901, inclusive.

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Balance in Bank, Sept. 1, 1899 ...		$414 12
Contributions from Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$17,199 30	
Pittsburg Synod.....	4,389 02	
Ohio Synod.....	944 59	
Synod of North-West.....	745 18	
Chicago Synod.....	618 22	
Ministerium of New York.....	478 66	
Individuals.....	786 86	
Unclassified sources.....	29 32	
		$25,191 15

Income from int. on endowment..	160 00			
" " " deposits.....	27 96			
Church Ex. Soc. for Supt.'s salary	600 00			
Traveling expenses returned.....	275 00			
Redemption of check stamps.....	4 06			
		$1,067 02		
		$26,258 17		
Moneys borrowed by the Board..		6,500 00		
Contributions for trav'g S. S. Sec..		200 00		
Bequest from Endlich estate.....		400 00		
			$33,358 17	
Contributions for debt*.....			10,910 15	
				$44,682 44

* $1,475.58 had been paid on the $12,000 debt as reported in 1899.

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Missionaries' salaries	$25,145 97			
" traveling expenses..	725 80			
Superintendent's salary.....	4,069 46*			
" traveling exp...	382 69			
Printing, incidentals, stationery..	1,219 91			
		$31,543 83		
Repayment of loans.....	5,000 00			
Interest on loans.....	516 33			
		$5,516 33		
Rev. J. C. Kunzman, amount received for Traveling Sunday-School Secretary.....		200 00		
			$37,260 16	
Repayment of debt.....			$7.337 40	
Balance in bank Aug. 31, 1901.....			84 88	$44,682 44

* This includes an unpaid balance from the last biennium.

Exclusive of legacies and special contributions toward the debt the income for the present biennium was $26,258.17 as over against the last of $25,298.50, showing an increase of $959.67. The Bequest of $400 from the Endlich Estate brought the income up to $26,658 17, whilst our expenses with the utmost economy were $31,543.83, leaving a deficit of $4,885.66. Not only did the Board use the utmost economy, but it has also constantly reduced the appropriations to our Missions; and in place of the three Missions which have become self-sustaning, received only two on its funds, giving to each of these very small appropriations. But the saddest feature is that we were thus prevented from occupying im-

portant fields and entering large cities where there is no English Lutheran Church, whilst Lutherans are there in abundance.

Had the Board received what it had reason to expect, there would not only be no deficiency, but the roll of our Missions would be again as large, and all portions of our Church would be encouraged and strengthened for aggressive work. The following table will show the deficiency of the District Synod for the past biennium:

	Apportioned.	Paid.	Deficit.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.....	$25,000 00	$17,199 30	$ 7,800 00
Pittsburg Synod	11,250 00	4,389 02	6,860 02
Ev. Luth. Dist. Synod of Ohio.....	5,000 00	944 59	4,055 41
Ministerium of New York	5,000 00	478 66	4.521 34
Chicago Synod..	2,500 00	618 22	1,881 78
Synod of the Northwest.....	1,250 00	745 18	504 82
	$50,000 co	$24,374 95	$26,625 05

This table furnishes food for thought and is only another proof that our present Mission policy is a poor makeshift. It is permitted to drag on as best it can because few give it any serious thought. Look at the number of communicants belonging to our District Synods, their ability and the amounts paid to local work and to the general, and note the indifference to the apportionment made by this Council—the majority having never as yet apportioned the sum asked among their individual congregations, and the Synods which have gone so far as to apportion the congregations seem careless, if not indifferent as to its collection.

We waited in expectation that Synods would pay their apportionment until September 1st. Then the Superintendent of Missions became the Superintendent of your deficiency. Four thousand appeals were sent to individuals asking each for one dollar. The appeal brought in $2000 to date. If any object to special appeals, we ask that they help us make them unnecessary. As soon as sufficient is paid in on our regular apportionments, we will make no more special efforts. They take time and involve additional expense. We would rather spend this time and money in visiting and can-

vassing destitute places and gathering in souls. But so long as our giving lacks liberality and entails suffering upon our Missionaries, we will and must cry out. And whilst we thankfully note improvement, and see the evidence of better things to come, we look for the greatest boon to our operations in

THE UNIFICATION OF OUR HOME MISSION WORK.

Faith and works, doctrine and life, the heavenly and the earthly, God's Gospel and man's preaching, are the Divine-human combination to bring grace and salvation. God works through human instrumentalities and sends the heavenly treasure in earthen vessels. Only in miracle is created agency suspended. The more efficient we make and the better we organize the means and methods which we dedicate to God, the larger will be the harvest and our achievements. If the Sacraments are to be rightly administered, we must send administrants. The Gospel will never preach itself, nor will the Sacraments administer themselves. This is the office neither of God or Angels, but of the Church, of men.

As soon as men associate together for this purpose, in order to efficiency, there must be organization. The more thoroughly organized, bringing every part into active co-operation with the whole work, the greater will be the result. The difference between a mob and an army, as to strength and effectiveness, lies in organization and discipline. The mob may be as well armed and even more numerous and far more determined, but it lacks in system. The better the parts of the machinery are adjusted to each other, the less expensive is its management and the greater its product. One Central Committee with its auxiliaries down to the Synods, Conferences and Churches, bringing every part of our Council in living touch with the rest and the entire work, would reveal to the Church such an opportunity for large usefulness as to stimulate all our activities and vastly increase our benevolence. Stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, why should we cut off the view of the vast Mission field by Synodical divisions, and lose ourselves by appointing a Board

for the regions beyond? In our civil affairs we have gotten beyond dreaming that the individual state is greater than the nation, and in our ecclesiastical arrangements we need to learn the same profitable lesson.

Luther and his co-laborers in the days of the Reformation properly laid the stress on the Divine elements of the Church, and passed over methods of administration as of little importance. The Reformed Churches paid more attention to methods and organization, and they have often reaped where we had sown. Our General Council adjusted its organization to the conditions out of and in which it was born and it has served its purpose nobly. The questions which then confronted us have been settled, and if we will not now adjust ourselves to the great questions which now confront us, then we do not need to die as some predict—burial is in order. Our statesmen are now endeavoring to adjust the ship of state to the new conditions which confront us. Under these conditions we now live and by them we are surrounded, and as a Church we must also adjust ourselves to do with our might what our hands find to do. We come from the past and must never forget its lessons; but all our duties lie in the present. Let us arrange for their successful performance.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE BOARD.

On page 43, Minutes 1897 is the resolution authorizing the publication of a Home Mission Journal. *The Home Missionary*, a 16 page quarterly, has been issued, devoted to Home Missions and Church Extension at the moderate price of 10 cents per annum for single copies and 5 cents per copy in clubs of 20 or more.

The request of the Synod of the Northwest for a Sunday-School Field Secretary (page 78, Min. 1899) was referred to your Board with power to act, and the Board was "instructed to act in co-operation with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod." Owing to the financial condition of the Board, it was resolved that such a Secretary be sent forth as soon as the Superin-

tendent should obtain 30 pledges of $50 to pay salary and other necessary expenses. We have now secured 26 pledges.

A MISSION POLICY.

Some of our Missions assure us that they can secure a far larger contribution to the salary of the Missionary than toward the payment of interest on their debts, incurred in the purchase of lots and the erection of churches. One Mission, where the Board had been paying the entire salary, offered to relieve us of $300, if we would pay the interest on $2500; a saving to the Board of $150 annually. This has been done indirectly, and that because members of the Board are in doubt as to its powers. The conditions in some Missions are such that if authorized to make appropriations for other objects than Missionaries' salaries, there would be a financial saving to the Board, and in the judgment of your Superintendent no damage but rather a help to the work.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. We ask the Council to define what is desired in the resolution (on page 78, Min. 1899) as to "Cooperation with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod" by the Sunday-School Field Secretary.

II. We ask the instruction of the Council on the question of Mission Policy.

III. That the following amounts be apportioned to the District Synods per year for the next biennium:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$12,500 00
Pittsburg Synod	5,625 00
Ministerium of New York	2,500 00
District Synod of Ohio	2,500 00
Chicago Synod	1,250 00
Synod of the Northwest	500 00
Pacific Synod	125 00

IV. Shat the Synods apportion these amounts to their Congregations.

V. That the Secretary of the Council be instructed to

send to the different District Synods the actions and recommendations of the General Council on Home Missions and Church Extension pertaining to them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KUNZMAN, Supt.

The time of the session was extended in order to complete the reading of the report. In the fifth session the report was received and considered item by item, the various recommendations of the Board adopted, and in the sixth session the report was adopted, as a whole. With reference to the first two items the following action was taken:

Item 1, with reference to a Sunday-School Field Secretary, it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzman,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to define the correct meaning of the resolutions on page 78 of the English Minutes of 1899.

The President appointed the following Committee: Revs. Dr. A. Spaeth, Dr. A. L. Yount and A. Bergin; and Prof. C. W. Foss and J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

Item 2. The request of the Board of English Home Missions was referred back to the Board with power to act.

In the eighth session, J. Boyd Duff, Esq., presented the report of the Committee, which was received, considered item by item and adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL FIELD SECRETARY.

In answer to the questions of what was the meaning of the resolutions concerning the appointment of a Sunday-School Field Secretary and the Co-operation of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod, as set forth on page 78, General Council Minutes of 1899, your Committee gives the following interpretation of said resolutions:

1. That inasmuch as the request for a Sunday-School Field Secretary by the English Synod of the Northwest is referred to the Board of English Home Missions with power to act: and whereas said Board is instructed to act in co-operation with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Con-

ference of the Augustana Synod, the appointment of said Field Secretary is to be made by the English Home Mission Board of the General Council in consultation with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference.

2. That the Field Secretary so appointed, in the prosecution of his work, shall not establish Sunday-schools within existing Swedish Lutheran parishes without the consent of the pastor *loci:* and further, where local opposition is made to the establishment of a Sunday-school, which seems to be unfounded, the Field Secretary shall appeal to the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference.

A. Spaeth,
C. W. Foss,
Alf. Bergin,
J. Boyd Duff,
A. L. Yount.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger.

Fifth Session.

Saturday, October 12, 1901, 1.30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. A. Hult, of the Augustana Synod. The minutes were read and approved.

The regular order of business was suspended in order to hear the report of the Committee on the Reception of the Pacific Synod. The Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF THE PACIFIC SYNOD OF THE EVAN. LUTH. CHURCH.

Your Committee would respectfully report, that the following documents have been placed into its hands, viz:

1. A letter by the President of the Pacific Synod, dated Sept. 29, 1901, and addressed to the Rev. W. K. Frick, then

English Secretary of the General Council, giving particulars concerning the organization of said Synod.

2. A letter addressed to the General Council, signed by the President and Secretary of the new Synod and dated Portland, Oregon, Oct. 1, 1901, informing the Council: (a) that the Pacific Synod has unanimously ratified the Constitution and Fundamental Articles of Faith and of Church Polity, and (b) that a delegate has been elected, who is authorized to lay the request for admission before the General Council.

3. A copy of the Constitution of the Pacific Synod, signed by the members of the new Synod.

From an examination of these documents as well as from other sources we learn, 1, that the Pacific Synod is composed of the pastors and churches of the English Synod of the Northwest, west of the Rocky Mountains; 2, that the said pastors and churches have joined in organizing the new Synod with the virtual consent of the Synod of the Northwest; 3, that the other members of the said Pacific Synod are the German pastors and churches formerly composing the Synod of Oregon, which two years ago made application for reception into this Body before they had adopted the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the General Council. Some of these pastors are supported by the German Board of Home Missions of this Council; 4, that the membership of the Pacific Synod is ten pastors and nine churches, five of which are located in the State of Oregon and three in Washington; and 5, that its territory does not encroach upon that of any other Synod of the General Council.

Having carefully examined the documents submitted and especially the Constitution of the new Synod, we do hereby respectfully recommend the reception of the Pacific Synod of the Evan. Lutheran Church into this General Council.

We would beg leave to add, however, that upon examining the Constitution we came across three points to which in a fraternal spirit we would like to call the attention of the brethren on the Pacific coast, viz:

1. Art. VII, of "Ministers," Sec. 6, reads: "A minister

withdrawing from work within this Synod shall, unless under discipline, be entitled to receive from the President a letter of dismissal." This language implies more than was evidently meant, to wit: that a minister who simply resigns from his church without accepting a call to another field of labor would, under the terms of this section, be entitled to a letter of dismissal. We recommend that this be changed.

2. Art. XI., on "Discipline of Churches," Sec. 2, states: "In a case of the discipline of a congregation the real property of a congregation shall remain with that part of the congregation which is loyal to the Synod." This provision may prove troublesome and misleading. A majority of a Free Lutheran Church which is not bound to a particular Synod by charter, deed, or by trust funds, will not forfeit its property because of disobedience to the Constitution or action of Synod. The property will only then remain in the possession of the minority if the majority has in essential points departed from the doctrinal standard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. We recommend that the Pacific Synod strike out this section, inasmuch as the object intended can only be reached by the proper provisions of the Constitution of the congregations.

3. Art. XII, Sec. 1, of "Discipline of Laymen," last clause, reads as follows; "A two-thirds vote of the Conference or Synod is necessary to reverse the decision of a council or congregation." We recommend the omission of this statement from the Constitution, as we are of the opinion that according to a decision of the General Council given in 1887, upon the basis of the Articles of Church Polity, a Synod in connection with the General Council has no authority to reverse a decision of a church council or congregation in a case of the discipline of a member of a congregation, but only upon appeal to examine into the case and give its fraternal advise.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. REPASS, J. NICUM,
J. H. HUNTON, F. A. JOHNSSON,
ALFRED RAMSEY, W. WARREN WATTLES,
M. L. DECK.

The report was received, considered item by item, several items were amended and adopted and the report was adopted as a whole as here given. The Synod was admitted and the name of the delegate placed on the roll of the General Council.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, a Committee on Nominations for the various Boards was appointed. The President appointed the following

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D.,
" G. C. F. Haas, D.D.,
" F. Richards, D.D.,
" A. W. Stark,
" G. H. Trabert, D.D.,
" G. A. Bierdeman, D.D.,
" E. Neudoerffer,
" F. Beer,
" J. C. Kunzman, D.D.
Mr. Geo. W. March,
" M. L. Deck,
J. B. Oakleaf, Esq.,
Mr. Henry F. Ehler,
" S. J. Beck,
" Christian Klink,
" Geo. F. Herman,
" J. W. Hartzell,
Hon. L. M. Noling.

The request of the New York Ministerium with reference to representation on the various Boards was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The consideration of the report of English Home Missions was resumed and the various recommendations of the Board were adopted, as they appear in connection with the report.

Pending the motion to adopt the report, as a whole, the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss.

Sixth Session.

Monday, October 14, 1901, 9.30 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Geo. H. Trabert, D.D., President of the English Synod of the Northwest. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The report of the Board of English Home Missions, pending at the time of adjournment at the last session, was adopted. The report of the Committee on Mission in India was presented, considered and items 1 to 6 adopted.

RECEPTION OF BISHOP VON SCHEELE OF SWEDEN.

The business of the Council was suspended at 10 A. M., in order to receive the Right Reverend Bishop Knute Henning Gezelius von Scheele, Ph.D., D.D., Lord Bishop of Visby, Sweden. He was introduced by the Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas and Wm. H. Staake, Esq., and was welcomed in an appropriate and eloquent address by the President of the General Council, the Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D. The Revs. Drs. J. A. Seiss and A. Spaeth, at the request of the President, also greeted the guest of the Council in appropriate addresses, the former in English and the latter in German. The Bishop, wearing the insignia of ecclesiastical and knightly rank, responded to these greetings, in fluent German, expressing his gratification with the reception accorded him and presenting the greetings of the Lutheran Church of Sweden to the Lutheran Church in North America. The Rev. Dr. Spaeth gave the substance of the Bishop's address in English. President Ranseen tendered the Bishop, in the name of the General Council, the thanks of the body for his visit to the convention. This was followed by an informal reception given to the Bishop by all those in attendance at the session. The Bishop attended the morning and afternoon sessions, and in the afternoon, shortly before the adjournment of the convention gave his farewell to the Council, addressing the body in English and Swedish, and at the close of the session pronounced the benediction.

Item sixth of the report of the Committee on the Mission in India was read and discussed. Pending the consideration of this item, the Council adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bishop von Scheele.

Seventh Session.

Monday, October 14, 1901, 1.30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. O. E. Pflueger, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The minutes were read and approved. The consideration of the 6th item of the report, pending at the time of adjournment of the previous session, was resumed and after a protracted discussion the item was adopted. The 7th item was adopted and, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, the Committee was instructed to add to their report an item commending the cause of the Mission in India to our congregations. This was done in the form of a resolution offered by the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, Chairman of the Committee, and constitutes the 8th item of the report, as presented on a previous page.

The Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., presented the following report as

OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, official delegate to the General Synod, reported that the latter body heard his overtures on a policy of co-operation and was impressed with the importance of the possibilities of arriving at results of practical value, and had adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we approve of a policy of co-operation between our two General Bodies on lines that may be found to be practicable after due investigation of the various points involved, and without in any way committing either body to any entangling alliances, sacrifice of principles, or interference with Synodical identity.

Resolved, That a Commission be appointed, consisting of five, to meet with and confer with a similar Commission that may be appointed by the General Council, to consider and inquire into such matters as may come within the scope of the first resolution, and report at the next meeting.

At the close of his report Dr. Schmauk recommended that the General Council appoint a Commission of five to meet the Commission of the General Synod for the investigation and consideration of such a policy of co-operation as is contemplated in the overtures made by the General Council and in the resolutions of the General Synod, said Commission

to report at the next meeting of the General Council. The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

The report was received and the recommendations made in the report were adopted.

RECEPTION OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Rev. Prof. David H. Bauslin, D.D., professor at Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, O., appeared as the official visitor of the General Synod and in an eloquent address presented the greetings of his Synod to this body. The Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., at the request of the President, responded to the greetings.

The Council adjourned at 4.15 P. M., in order to enable Bishop von Scheele to give his farewell to the body, whose morning and afternoon sessions he attended. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass. The session closed with the singing of three stanzas, in English, German and Swedish, of "A Mighty Fortress is our God" and the benediction pronounced by Bishop von Scheele.

Eighth Session.

Tuesday, October 15, 1901, 8.30 A. M.

The Matin service was conducted by the Rev. J. Q. Waters, of the Pittsburgh Synod. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Secretary, presented the following

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

At the first meeting of the Board after the Convention of the General Council at Chicago in 1899, the former Officers were re-elected, viz:

President—Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.

Secretary—Rev. F. W. Weiskotten.

Treasurer—Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D.

The Constitution and By-Laws, referred to in our report two years ago, were completed and adopted, according to which the members of the Board now meet quarterly; the Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the Board, who are also the officers of the Executive Committee, Mr. Chas. B. Opp and S. A. Ziegenfuss, meets monthly; and a Finance Committee, consisting of the President of the Board, Messrs. Jas. N. Mohr and J. G. Finley, meets as often as circumstances require.

The Secretary of the Board, the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, who was also a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, was sent by that body, in the beginning of September, 1900, to our Mission field in India as the inspector of that field. The sad news of his death at sea, while he was on his return home, reached us on the last day of the year 1900. Brother Weiskotten had been a valuable member of the Board and its efficient Secretary, from the beginning of its existence, and his loss is keenly felt. The Board has placed the following tribute on its record:

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, In the wisdom of Divine Providence, overruling and directing all things, whose ways are past finding out, we are called upon to mourn the unexpected loss of our honored co-laborer and Secretary, the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, and

WHEREAS, By his steadfast fidelity, zealous interest and courteous manner in the work of our association, he has greatly endeared himself to all; and

WHEREAS, The Church is greatly indebted to him for his untiring perseverance to further and promote the interests of its publications, therefore be it

Resolved, That we submissively bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, and, although deeply afflicted, acknowledge that He doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we bear grateful testimony to our departed brother's unswerving fidelity, rare judgment, wealth of intellect, honesty of purpose, firmness of character, and wise counsel exerted in all matters and interests committed to his care.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathies of the members of the Board are hereby tendered to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them, the same inscribed upon our minutes and published in *The Lutheran*.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The vacancy caused by the death of our lamented Secretary was filled by electing the undersigned as Secretary. Mr. J. G. Finley was elected a member of the Executive Committee, and G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., was elected a member of the Board. The Executive Committee, as you will observe by its Constitution and By-Laws, renders quarterly reports to the Board.

Our Publication House has undergone very few alterations. We have not been able to make the necessary changes and improvements that are requisite to carry on our work in such a way as the increasing business demands. Neither have we been able to reduce our debt. We have, however, comfortably furnished the largest room on the second story as a Committee Room, where the various Boards of the General Council hold their meetings.

As you referred the request "to furnish the Mission Edition of the Church Book to all missions at actual cost, and to all others at a price not to exceed the sum of fifty cents," to us, we beg to state again that the price is already so low, that we deem any further reduction impracticable.

The intermediate size of the Kirchenbuch is under way and it is expected will be ready for the market by the first of January, 1902. In order to furnish the Church with a satisfactory edition of the Kirchenbuch, it was found necessary to import the type from Stuttgart, Germany. A list was made out and the order placed by the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten on his way to India. The work of making electrotype plates was begun as soon as the copy was handed in and the type arrived. In the printing of this edition the new orthography as requested by the Iowa Synod is being followed.

The Board sustained considerable loss in the destruction by fire of electrotype plates which were stored at Lippincotts. This necessitated the providing of new plates for the Church Book (large size) and a set of plates for Ministerial Acts (English and German). Some sheets of the pulpit edition were also destroyed.

We would also report that an additional list of ministers arranged geographically has been published in the Almanacs (English and German), as suggested by the Council. The same list will appear in the edition for 1902, which will be ready for the market in the course of a few weeks. The demand for the new list thus far has not warranted the additional expense.

The Sunday-School Series (English). The publication of the Teachers' and Scholars' Lesson Quarterlies and of "Sunbeams" has been continued by us, as also of Bible Story and Bible History. Since the last Convention of the Council we have published Bible Geography and Bible Biography in quarterly form. The quarterly of Bible Teaching will be ready by Advent. The Primary Teacher in three forms—for children under 6 years of age, for children from 6 to 8, and for children from 8 to 10—has been published quarterly since Advent 1900. Likewise "Sunshine," a semi-monthly Picture Lesson Paper for the Children's Division and "Sunrays" for the Junior Division.

In regard to the resolution authorizing the Board to grant a discount to Lutheran Bodies not in organic connection with the General Council, for introduction and use of our Sunday-School Literature, we desire to state that no such call has been made for these publications. The Board will cheerfully carry out this instruction whenever such application is received.

We are pleased to report that the contract of Mr. E. Kaufmann with the Trustees of the General Council to publish the German Sunday-School Lesson Leaves, expired Oct. 1, 1900. No difficulty, whatever, was experienced in securing the transfer and the Board has published the Quarterlies since Advent 1900. No further literature in the German Series has been published.

Before passing to another subject the Board desires to acknowledge the laborious and successful work of, and to express its gratitude to the Sunday-School Literature Com-

mittee. The indefatigable work of this committee, and especially of its chairman, has enabled us to publish these series.

OTHER BOOKS.

We have entered into arrangement with the following authors and translators to handle their books:

With Dr. Seiss—Dost Thou Believe?
Lententide Sermonettes.

With Dr. Spaeth—Biography of Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, Vol. I.

With Dr. Fry—Elementary Homiletics.

" " Trabert—Luther's Catechism.

" " Horn—Löhe's Luther Catechism. (Translation.)

With Rev. C. Armand Miller—The Way of the Cross.

" " Luther D. Reed and Organist H. G. Archer, Psalter and Canticles.

We have also prepared and published a Parish Record, systematically arranged for the preservation of the records of congregations, to which we call the special attention of pastors and congregations.

"THE LUTHERAN."

The publication of *The Lutheran*, both the weekly and monthly edition, has been continued. On January 15, 1901, *The Lutheran* was transferred from the Sub-Committee to the Executive Committee by action of the Board. The Treasurer of the Board is the Treasurer of *The Lutheran*. The funds heretofore kept apart merged into the general treasury, although separate accounts are kept and reported at regular intervals by the Business Manager.

The Lutheran is ably edited and deserves a larger and wider circulation.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD FROM SEPT. 1, 1899 TO SEPT. 30, 1901.

"The Lutheran."

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance Sept. 1, 1899.....		$ 803 21	
Subscriptions to Weekly and Monthly.....	$17,555 30		
Advertising.....	835 32		
Premiums (Bibles, Books, etc.)	163 65		
All other Receipts.....	38 90		
		18,593 17	
Total.....			$19,396 38

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper, Printing and Mailing...	$11,595 45		
Salaries and Canvassing Expenses.....	6,213 33		
Postage, Stationery and Printing.....	648 15		
Premiums (Bibles, Books, etc.)	125 83		
Cuts and all other Expenses...	257 37		
Total.....			$18,840 13
Leaving a Balance of..			$556 25

Other Publications.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance Sept. 1, 1899.....		$1,224 92	
Sales of English Publications...	$26,888 70		
German "	11,809 37		
S. S. Literature.....	29,261 55		
Other Publications.....	5,220 45		
Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pledge and Interest..	109 00		
Interest on Bank Balances.....	45 81		
Rent.....	265 02	$72,599 90	
Total.....			$74,824 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper.....	$10,007 30
Printing.....	17,465 48
Binding.....	13,990 25
Plates and Cuts.....	5,545 42
Merchandise Purchases....	3,930 54
Postage and Express.....	2,160 34

Appropriation to General Council Treasurer	1,394 67	
Salaries	9,466 29	
Interest	1,500 00	
Sinking Fund for Mortgage Debt	4,910 00	
Committee on Sunday-School Work	1,150 00	
Other Editorial Expenses	496 01	
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	535 51	
Taxes and Water Rent	732 95	
Insurance	225 11	
Treasurer's Surety Bond	45 00	
Furniture	411 53	
Repairs	228 99	
All other Expenses, Coal, Gas, etc	555 17	
Total		$74,750 56
Leaving a Balance of		$74 26

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS:—*The Lutheran*	$19,396 38	
Other Publications	74,824 82	
Total		$94,221 20
EXPENDITURES:—*The Lutheran*	$18,840 13	
Other Pub	74,750 56	
Total		$93,590 69
Leaving a Balance of		$630 51

SAMUEL P. SADTLER,
Treasurer.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1901.

HISTORICAL RESUME.

During the Fourteenth Convention held at Rochester, New York, in 1881, twenty years ago, the first action was taken looking forward to the time when the publications owned by the General Council, should be managed with greater profit to its financial interests, and a Committee appointed whose duty it should be to consider the same. The President appointed as such Committee: Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, H. Grahn, and Messrs. J. C. File and W. H. Staake.

At the following meeting, viz 1882, this Committee presented a favorable report and it was *Resolved:* That a Com-

mittee be appointed to have charge of the Books belonging to the General Council. This Committee as appointed consisted of Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten and Mr. J. C. File. The Church-book Committee reported that the indebtedness on the "Kirchenbuch" to Sherman & Co. was at this time $1337.77, and upon which interest was charged at the rate of six per cent.

Between the adjournment of this Convention and the opening of the one in 1883, the Committee endeavored to reduce this debt of $1337.77, and wherever possible to assume active control of the publications. By the sales and interest allowance this debt of $1337.77 was reduced to $580, which amount was advanced by the kindness of Mr. File, without interest, and the indebtedness to Sherman & Co. paid.

At the Convention in 1884, the Committee reported the debt on "Kirchenbuch" reduced to $199.57, but that the amount advanced on the German Catechism and on the German Sunday-School Book without music increased this to $735.42. It was also at this meeting that the manuscript of the "Little Childen's Book" was placed in charge of the Publication Committee with authority to publish it.

From the Report of the Committee at the Convention in 1885 it is learned that the "Little Children's Book" was published since 1884 and that the Committee now controlled five publications, viz: German Church Book, German Catechism with Proof Texts, German Sunday-School Book without music, Miniature German Catechism and Little Children's Book. Also that the Committee was enabled to report a small surplus of $146.09 with all obligations paid, viz: The indebtedness on Kirchenbuch, the cost of plates of German Sunday-School Books and the Little Children's Book. This surplus was paid to the Treasurer of the General Council, being the first contribution to the Treasury from the Publication Committee.

During the following years (1885 and 1886) the proceeds from the publications allowed the Committee to make an ap-

propriation of $1448.97, no new work having been assigned, requiring an outlay for plates.

At the Convention in 1887, the Committee reported that the Constitution for Congregations had been electrotyped, and that $862.61 had been paid into the General Council Treasury.

At the Convention in 1888, the Committee reported having paid into the Treasury $1235.48.

At the Convention in 1891, the Committee reported having paid over to the Treasurer $870.10.

At the Convention in 1891, the Committee reported that in accordance with the action of the Pennsylvania Ministerium the plates both old and new, sheets and surplus funds of the English Church Book were transferred to the Committee. The Treasurer, Rev. J. K. Plitt, paid the sum of $948.36, as the balance of the Church Book account, and transferred 2800 copies in sheets subject to the order of the Committee. The expenditures during the last two years had been extraordinarily heavy owing to additions and changes in the Kirchenbuch. Editions of the new Church Book had been printed, but with it all a surplus of $1500 was paid over. It was also at this Convention that the heretofore appointed Committee rose to the dignity of being denominated as a Board.

At the Convention in 1893, the Report of the Board contained the information that the plates for the small size Church Book had been provided, and were paid for, and that $3000 had been transferred to the Treasurer. It was also stated that an exihibit was made at the World's Fair at Chicago.

At the Convention in 1895, the Report of the Treasurer contained the gratifying information that the sum of $8000 had been paid into the Treasury for the use of the Missions. It was also at this Convention that the Board was authorized to publish the Sunday-School Apparatus, as recommended by the Committee on Sunday-School Work. The movement was also inaugurated by which *The Lutheran* became the Official Church Paper of the Council.

At the Convention of 1897, the Report contained the information that headquarters had been established at 1204 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Plates for the Sunday-School Books, both English and German, and the "Agende" were provided, and the publication of the Sunday-School Series begun. All this required an unusual outlay of funds, but with it all $5000 were transferred to the General Council Treasury for the Missions under its care. At this Convention the Board was authorized to take out letters of incorporation.

At the Convention in 1899, the Report conveyed the information that the Sunday-School Series had been continued and new periodicals added, and electrotype plates of the "Hand Agende aus dem Kirchenbuch" provided, together with the purchasing of the property at 1522 Arch Street. Owing to the outlay necessary only $967.52 were transferred to the General Council Treasury. The Board was also incorporated as had been authorized, and under the charter arrangements were entered into for handling and publishing books other than those owned by the Council.

In these twenty years therefore there has been paid into the Treasury of the Council the sum of $24,346.24. Adding to this the payments toward the purchase of the property, namely $6171.41, and the sum of $4910.00 set aside towards the mortgage, together with the cost of plates and cuts used in the publication of books, authorized by the Council, $15,586.41, the grand total becomes $51,014.06. Certainly this shows that the action taken twenty years ago has borne good results. This leads to the question whether the time has not come when efforts should be made to increase the field of usefulness by asking for donations, etc., so that the work of the Church in this particular branch will be put upon a firmer basis. The contribution from Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, certainly should be an incentive to further activity on the part of the Church in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board, S. A. ZIEGENFUSS,
Secretary.

The report was received and adopted. In this connection the following action was taken, on motion of the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk:

Resolved, I. That the Report of the Board of Publication be adopted, and the careful management of the Board be commended.

II. That the General Council expresses its approval of the manner in which *The Lutheran* is being edited and conducted.

III. That we call the especial attention of the Church to the gift of the Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa., to the Publication Board and express the hope that similar gifts will follow.

IV. That the part of the report dealing with the proposed purchase of the *Lutherische Herold* be omitted from the minutes.

V. That the thanks of the Council be extended to Mr. Louis Kaufmann for the transfer of the good will and subscription list of the *Lektions-Blaetter*.

VI. That the General Council would approve of the issue of stock loan interest-bearing certificates, and their circulation in the Church, for the purpose of securing a working capital for the Board, if in the judgment of the Board such a step be deemed feasible and advisable.

The Rev. Dr. E. Belfour offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sunday-School Committee and the Board of Publication be requested to print the Scholars' Quarterly Lessons in three monthly parts, or in such form that they can be cut into three parts by those receiving them.

The request contained in the resolution was referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

The report on the appointment of a Sunday-School Field Secretary was received, considered and adopted, as it appears on a previous page. The proposition of the Rev. J. Telleen, D.D., with reference to the appointment of a Sunday-School Field Secretary was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, referred to the Board of English Home Missions.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, Agent, read the following, for the Secretary, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, October 8, 1901.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society begs leave to present to your Honorable Body this report.

The operations of the Society have made commendable progress during the past two years.

Rev. J. C. Kunzman, D.D., the Agent of the Society, and Superintendent of the work of the English Board of Home Missions, performed the duties of his office most actively, intelligently and energetically, as will appear from his report of his itineraries and operations in behalf of the Society.

He has presented the cause of the Society, personally and in print, with marked success.

The sources of the receipts of the Society, as well as the nature of its expenditures, are shown by the report of E. Augustus Miller, Esq., the Treasurer of the Society, hereto appended, from which it will be seen that there has been an encouraging increase in the amount of the receipts from churches, Sunday-schools, as well as individuals, and that all of the principal of the bonds issued by the Society, in behalf of the four missions at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota, has been cancelled, save the sum of $8800.

The financial condition of the Society will appear from the following statement, compiled from the Treasurer's report:

Balance January 1, 1900		$3,593 04
Received for year from:		
Individuals (including Marwedel Annuity Fund)	$3,462 40	
Churches	2,192 79	
Sunday-schools	1,994 24	
Missionary Societies, etc.	317 50	

Treasurer Pittsburg Synod	1,448 54		
Treasurer Chicago Synod	7 00		
Various sources	27 00		
Interest on deposit	129 97		
Legacy Endlich Estate	300 00		
		$9,879 44	
Loans returned:			
Church of Atonement, Philadelphia	1,100 00		
Trinity Church, Chester, balance	200 00		
Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee	581 00		
		$1,881 00	
Interest on mortgage from Churches in Bond Scheme	1,431 00		
Rebate of interest from J. A. Bohn to credit of Churches in Bond Scheme	452 00		
		$1,883 00	
			$13,643 44
			$17,236 48
Payments made as follows—Loans:			
Church of Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis.	$1,450 00		
St. Mark's Church, Boston	3,000 00		
Church of Transfiguration, Philadelphia	1,000 00		
		$5,450 00	
Interest paid on Bonds		441 33	
Bonds paid and redeemed		600 00	
Interest advanced on mortgage, Broad and Susquehanna Ave. lot, Philadelphia		1,530 00	
Payment of annuity to C. D. Marwedel		60 00	
Board of Home Missions, Agent's salary		300 00	
Expenses of Agent		173 32	
Church Register Co., printing booklets		184 00	
E. W. Roberts, Pyramids and expressage		476 20	
Incidentals, printing, stamps, clerk, etc		85 06	
		$9,299 91	
Balance Dec. 31, 1900		7,936 48	
			$17,236 48
Received since January 1, 1901		$10,109 01	
Of this sum there was received from:			
Church of Redeemer, Binghamton, loan returned	$ 900 00		
Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, return loan	200 00		
Churches in Bond Scheme	985 50		
Church at Salt Lake City	232 70		
	$2,318 20		
Leaving to credit of Society	7,790 81		
		$10,109 01	

Since January, 1901, the following loans have been made and paid:

Church of Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J	$2,000 00
St. John's Church, New Castle, Pa	1,500 00
Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis	1,500 00
Bonds cancelled	1,900 00
	$6,900 00

Of the above balance of $7,936.48, the sum of $25.00 is credited to the Salt Lake City Church, and the sum of $100.00 for special trust contributed July 30, 1895, by Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.

The assets of the Society are as follows:

Balance due by Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	$ 7,219 43	
" " " St. John's Church, Duluth	4,283 35	
" " " St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon	10,876 81	
" " " Holy Trinity Church, Seattle	4,360 78	
	$26,740 37	
Against this balance must be charged the outstanding bonds aggregating	$10,700 00	
Leaving		$16,040 37
Note and mortgage, Zion's Church, Tacoma		1,000 00
Bond " " St. John's Church, McKeesport		1,000 00
" " " Church Redeemer, Binghamton		900 00
Note " " St. John's Church, Anderson		1,000 00
Bond " " Church of Redeemer, Syracuse		1,000 00
" " " St. John's Church, Wilkesbarre		1,000 00
Note " " St. Mark's Church, Boston		1,800 00
" " " " " "		3,000 00
Bond " " Grace Church, Newark		2,000 00
Note " " St. Matthew's Church, Toledo		1,000 00
" " " St. John's Church, Chicago		1,500 00
Bond " " Church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y		1,000 00
" " " " " " "		500 00
Note " " Holy Trinity Ch., Salt Lake City		2,400 00
" " " Zion Church, The Dalles		900 00
" " " Salem Church, Minneapolis		1,200 00
Bond " " Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia		2,500 00
" " " St. Peter's Church, Natrona		500 00
Note " " St. Peter's Church, Chicago		500 00
" " " Holy Trinity Church, LaCrosse		1,450 00
Bond " " Church of Transfiguration, Phila.		1,000 00
Cash balance as above		7,936 48
		$51,126 85

Since January 1, 1901, the assets of the Society have been increased by the amounts of the three loans above stated, viz:

Mortgage, Church Holy Trinity, Elizabeth, N. J.	$2,000 00	
" St. John's Church, New Castle, Pa.	1,500 00	
" Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1,500 00	
Bonds cancelled	1,900 00	
And by increase of balance	1,289 98	
Or a total of		$8,189 98
Making a total of		$59,316 83
Less loans repaid as above		1,100 00
Leaving		$58,216 83
In addition to the above, there is owing to the Society for and on account of payments made on Susquehanna Avenue lot, Philadelphia		$1,545 00
The Society also owns the following lots:		
Lot in Garden City, Utah, consideration	$1,373 07	
" Bismark, North Dakota, "	825 00	
" Spanish Forks, Utah "	75 00	
		$2,273 0
The Society also holds a bond and mortgage against the Church of Incarnation, Philadelphia, for Church Extension in Philadelphia, of		$2,200
Total assets of Society		$64,234 90

Title to a tract in Mayville, Traill County, North Dakota, is also held by the Society, as well as to the lot at Broad and Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

The present officers of the Society are:

President—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.,
Treasurer—E. Augustus Miller, Esq.,
Secretary—William H. Staake, Esq.

Managers.

Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.,
" Samuel Laird, D.D.,
" E. E. Sibole, D.D.,
" W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.,
" Jacob Fry, D.D.,
" Charles L. Fry,
Mr. Henry Beates,
" John Willing,
Mr. James N. Mohr,
" Enos R. Artman,
" James H. Wolfe,
Prof. S. P. Sadtler,
Mr. A. C. Albrecht,
" E. Augustus Miller,
" E. Clarence Miller,
" William H. Staake.

The Standing Committees of the Society are:

Executive Committee.

Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D.,
E. Augustus Miller.

Finance Committee.

John Willing, E. R. Artman,
James N. Mohr.

Church Extension Committee.

Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., James H. Wolfe,
Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.

The object of this Society has often been stated to be:

"To secure and safely manage a permanent Church Extension Fund, and to hold the same in trust to assist Missions and other needy churches in the securement of grounds for the building of church edifices and the erection thereon of churches or chapels for the use of congregations in the public worship of Almighty God in accordance with the faith and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the securement of grounds for the building of institutions of learning, charity or benevolence."

The practice of the Society is not to loan money for the erection of parsonages.

The payment of $50.00 at one time constitutes a life-membership, and $5.00 an annual membership.

The Society also acts as Trustee for congregations or institutions in holding their property pending their legal incorporation.

Again returning our thanks to Almighty God for his blessings upon the Society since the last meeting of the General Council, we ask, on the part of the Church, a renewal of interest in and an increased appreciation of the objects of the Society.

We ask for the agent of the Society, a welcome into the congregations, and assistance in presenting the claims of the Society for the generous support of our people.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE,
Secretary, etc.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Superintendent of English Home Missions is also Agent of the Church Extension Society. I was led into the error of reporting the number of active members in 1899 as

being 500. This was caused by the fact that the last certificate issued was numbered 500. There should have been subtracted from the number, the deceased and the lapsed. A careful revision of the list shows a membership of 215 in 1899.

The work during the biennium consisted in presenting the cause in person to congregations, Conferences, Synods and to private individuals and through the press, besides the routine work of preparing and sending out the Pyramids for the Lenten Self-denial offering. Our experience convinces us that the smallness of our income comes from a lack of appreciation of the importance of this fund and this in turn from a lack of organization.

1. Increase of Membership.

In February, 1900, we began the effort to secure 1,000 additional members to the Church Extension Society. The little Red Book, giving the organization, object, work and sources of income of the Society was sent to all our pastors and to all congregations applying. Up to the present we have secured 64 active members who pay annually $5.00, and 28 life members who pay $50.00 at one time, or a total of 92. Whilst we are still far from the mark, we rejoice in the progress made and are encouraged to continue.

2. The $9,000 Special Fund for the Woman's Memorial Church at Salt Lake City.

When the work was begun in this centre of Mormonism, the hearts of our pious women were moved. They gave toward the purchase of the lot and erection of the church. But the sum contributed was inadequate and a large debt bore heavily upon the faithful few who composed the membership of our Mission. The detailed reports, furnished the Board, prove that there is not a more devoted band of Lutherans than they. In the report on Home Missions, I have shown that the interest on the debt alone involves the payment of over $20 per communicant. Voices have been raised to abandon that Mission. Does this not show that it has been abandoned quite too much? Nulla vestigia retrorsum sang

the courageous Roman and we heed the Divine command to go forward.

We ask therefore, that our people help to raise the $9,000 to be loaned to the Mission without interest for a period of years. This will bring relief and new hope, and we are convinced that the Mission at Salt Lake City will develop into a strong and influential congregation. The amount contributed is but a beginning.

3. The Fifty Thousand Dollar Luther League Church Extension Fund.

At the Convention of the State Luther League, held in the fall of 1900 at Norristown, Pa., in conversation with a few intelligent and active Laymen, the thought was suggested that the various societies of our congregations should be asked to raise a $50,000 fund. One of the Laymen was an active member of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa. A year afterward the Luther League of that congregation pledged to give $1,000 toward such a fund. Since then the League of Trinity Church, Germantown, Pa., has pledged $50, and the League of the First Church, Greensburg, Pa., $100, payable in four annual installments of $25 each.

The amount pledged may extend over a period of five years, one-fifth being payable each year. We believe in the cultivation of each portion of our Church and making each bear fruit to the Glory of God and the Salvation of Man.

These in addition to the Lenten Self-denial offerings, bequests, special gifts, and annuities are the sources of our income.

We ask the General Council to renewedly call the attention of the District Synods to the special importance of largely increasing our Church Extension Fund and to ask them to instruct their congregations to observe the Lenten period for the gathering of contributions for this purpose, to encourage their people to become members, and by bequests and contributions to the various proposals of the Society increase its power to aid our Church.

We must not forget to emphasize the fact, that this is

not the English, German or Swedish, but the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, and that loans are granted to all on the same principle.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KUNZMAN, Agent of the
Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

The Rev. J. A. W. Haas, Secretary, presented the following:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

At the last meeting of the General Council, a new Standing Committee was appointed by resolution whose province it should be to exercise a general oversight over the field of education as carried on by institutions and bodies connected with the Council, with a view to rendering the work of this branch of Lutheran activity in America more effective.

Your Committee met, and, in the absence of Dr. Seip, organized by electing Dr. Weidner chairman for the present meeting. The subject of the present educational status of the Church, its possibilities and needs were discussed. The Committee understood its province to be the consideration of the whole scope of this field from the first rudiments up through collegiate education to the theological courses.

It saw very clearly the need of some kind of parochial education, partially in the kindergarten and in the higher grades. It was felt that there was a missing link between primary and collegiate education in the lack of academies which are to prepare for the college.

With these two specific wants there was found to be a general lack of continued and uninterrupted gradation which would make our education one system along proper lines of development.

The Committee was also impressed with the fact that with all sorts of isolated attempts at education, we had no common understanding which would give united strength and solidity to our efforts.

In view of the fact that secular institutions in many states and groups of states have come into agreement respecting certain standards to be maintained equally by all in regard to requirements for admission, courses of work and certain common points in the college curriculum, a discussion of courses of education, methods, standards, etc., was also considered a desideratum. With all differences of locality and constituency it was still thought possible to attain to a certain harmony of requirements and standards in the educational work of the Lutheran Church.

In such common agreement, attitude might also be taken with reference to certain phases of newer education which are becoming an issue in modern educational discussions.

For the accomplishment of this and other objects that might arise, it was resolved to ask the Council to pass upon the following recommendations:

1. To enlarge the Committee by appointment of the heads of all our Theological Seminaries, Colleges and Academies; this General Committee to sub-divide itself into three sections, theological, collegiate and academic, who shall report their work to the General Committee.

2. That the Council instruct the Committee to hold a meeting in the near future.

3. That the Committee be empowered to arrange for a general meeting of educators of the Council if deemed advisable.

4. That the General Committee as a Standing Committee have a place assigned it in the business order of the next session of the Council to report on the result of its deliberations and work.

In accordance with the suggestion that all heads of institutions be included, the Committee takes leave to mention the following additional names: President Andresen, Dr. N. Forsander, Dr. Wahlstrom, Dr. C. A. Swenson, Dr. Beck, Prof. Hoch, Prof. S. M. Hill, Rev. C. Goedel, Rev. C. E. Haupt, D.D, Prof. A. P. Youngdahl, Rev. W. A. Beates.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN A. W. HAAS, Secretary.

The report was received, considered item by item, adopted by items and as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. A. L. Yount presented the report of the Committee on the Mission in Porto Rico, which was considered, amended and adopted, as it appears in connection with the report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger presented the report of the auditing committee on Treasurer's expense account, which was adopted. The Rev. Dr. Geissinger also presented the report of the committee on the Report of the President, which was adopted, as it appears on a previous page in connection with the President's Report.

Adjourned at 12 noon, with the Lord's Prayer.

Ninth Session.

Tuesday, October 15, 1901, 1.30 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Berkemeier, Emigrant Missionary, New York City. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, met in its Seventh Convention in Augsburg Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 16-20, 1900. I was present during several of the sessions as the Official Visitor of the General Council. On presenting the greetings of this Body, assuring the United Synod of our most sincere and fraternal interest, I was heartily received and welcomed by its President. That the relation of that Body of our one Lutheran Church to our own is cordial and real cannot be questioned. The development of a genuinely Lutheran con-

sciousness, with an increasing devotion to our Lutheran Confessions and churchly forms of service, is most evident and encouraging. United with these there is a marked activity in the practical work of the Church, and a manifest growth of interest in those deeper problems which will largely determine the future permanent prosperity of our Zion in the South. Institutions of learning for the higher education of young people, men and women, are receiving a large measure of attention, and so general is the interest in this work that perhaps no part of our Church in this country is showing a more commendable zeal.

More than at any time in its history is the United Synod active in the support of its Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and though weak in numbers, and with little material wealth, is engaged in an earnest and hopeful effort to increase its endowment. The claims of Missions, specially Foreign, is also receiving liberal recognition and support. Indeed, keeping in mind the difficulties which beset our Church in the South, the growth and activity manifest are most commendable.

The Synod continued its Committees on co-operation with other Lutheran bodies in preparing a Common Hymnal and Ministerial Acts for use in the Church.

The Synod will hold its next Convention in Charleston, S. C., in May, 1902.

The delegates elected to this Convention of the General Council are: Principal, Rev. W. L. Seabrook; Alternate, Rev. Prof. J. A. Morehead.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Repass.

The English Secretary read the following report, which was received and ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR FROM THE UNITED SYNOD IN THE SOUTH.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in session at Lima, Ohio, October 10–15, 1901.

Brethren:—By a vote of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, at its last convention held in the Augsburg Church, at

Winston, N. C., in May, 1900, it was made my duty to bear to the General Council the United Synod's fraternal greeting.

No greater disappointment has ever come to me than that of being unable to bring you these greetings in person. Several weeks ago it seemed as if I could not possibly attend your meeting at Lima, and I communicated the fact to Rev. J. A. Morehead, alternate, and when I learned that ill health would prevent his attendance, sought another substitute. Unable to find one, I resolved to overcome many difficulties and attend your sessions if possible. The way seemed to open for me, and with pleasure I looked forward to being able to fulfill my duty, but just on the eve of starting for Lima, pastoral duties of such character and importance that they could not be neglected prevent my leaving home at this time.

The regret of the United Synod as a body will be greater than my own.

Of one blood, of one faith, our hearts' desire is for closest fellowship and co-operation. We have recognized the value of the interchange of personal representatives as a means toward the end which we mutually desire.

I think that I speak for the United Synod when I say that the suggestion that the extreme territory of the Southland might afford an opportunity for practical co-operation on the part of the General Council, the General Synod and the United Synod of the South meets with hearty approval on our part, and that the United Synod will be found ready whenever it shall be deemed possible to put such plan into effect. I make this statement after conference with the President of the United Synod and the President and Executive Committee of our Board of Missions, and others.

We know our inability to properly care for the members of our beloved Church, who are coming into Alabama, Texas and Mississippi, and will come in increasing numbers from year to year as the New South develops.

As a member of the Executive Committee of our Board of Missions in closest touch with the work, I speak from personal knowledge when I say that unless some plan, such as that recently outlined in the columns of *The Lutheran*, is put into effect, that great portion of our territory must be neglected. Our resources are inadequate to the work in the States where our Church already has good organization. There is no way by which these resources can be adequately increased. If it should prove feasible for the General Council and the General Synod to co-operate with us in this work, it would meet with thankful response on our part, and in addition to the local benefit derived, the meeting of the three bodies in such a plan of practical co-operation would bring the larger blessing to Lutheranism in America, for which we all pray.

May the blessing of Him who called you into His service attend you in all your convention's work, and abide with all your churches.

With the hope that we may have the pleasure of greeting your representative at the next convention of the United Synod, to be held in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., in May, 1902, I am

Fraternally yours,

W. L. SEABROOK.

WINCHESTER, Va., Oct. 10, 1901.

The Rev. C. G. Fischer presented the following

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD.

Like all other Mission work, ours also is a work of many prayers, labors, sacrifices and sufferings. At times there is a cheering prospect of success, then again there are disappointments and discouraging experiences. Yet it is the Lord's work and our efforts must not be relaxed. Our Missionaries who labor with geat zeal and self-denial, our congregations which are gathered and served by them, our friends who support our Missions, our Board to whom the care of the entire work is committed—all must cheerfully work together and leave the result to the Lord.

Our Board has been sorely afflicted by the unexpected death of our beloved Chairman, the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, who on his return trip from India was called to his rest on Dec. 15th, 1900 An indefatigable worker, enterprising and of sober judgment he remained faithful in the service of our Church unto the end. In his place the undersigned was elected Chairman, the Rev. C. G. Fischer remained Recording Secretary, the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling became Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Martin Wulff remained Treasurer. The other members are the Revs. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., D. W. Peterson, W. Ludwig, E. Hoffmann, Aug. Fischer, elected in place of the Rev G. C. Eisenhardt, who had resigned on account of his new and arduous duties as house-father of the Germantown Orphans' Home, and the Rev. H. Wendel, the Messrs. Chas. D. Boschen, Louis W. Kaufmann, Gustav Speckel, John Sutter. Having been deprived by action of the General Council of the yearly appropriation of a thousand ($1,000) dollars from the revenues of the Publication Board, we tried various ways and means to cover this loss and sent out many appeals for aid and especially for a Christmas and a Lenten contribution in behalf of our Missions. By God's grace we succeeded so far that we could fulfill our obligations towards our Missionaries and even pay off a debt of over $1200. At the same time we

urged the congregations to contribute more to their pastors' salaries, in order that they might gradually become self-supporting. In several instances we were successful and could reduce or even discontinue the allowances.

We now give a survey of our Mission fields.

A.—In *Kentucky* the Rev. C. J. Mehrtens continued in charge of the Ottenheim Church. He expects a goodly increase in membership, when the new railroad, which is to pass his town, shall have been built. The congregation owns a church building and numbers 220 souls, 182 communicants. We contributed $100 to the pastor's salary. But inasmuch as pastor and congregation belong to the New York Ministerium and the distance is too great for supervision by us, we recently determined to request the New York Ministerium either to care for this Mission or to transfer it to another friendly Synod.

B.—*Utah.* Our endeavor to reach an understanding with the English Home Mission Board, concerning the appointment of a Missionary at Salt Lake City, who could preach in English and in German, were not successful, and we were unable to provide a laborer for that most difficult field. We had to sell the small church property on account of its unfavorable location for the net sum of $255 and paid off the mortgage of $200, besides some minor debts incurred in connection with that Mission. We shall hardly be able to resume operations in Salt Lake City.

C.—*Oregon.* The Lord has opened a door to us in Oregon and adjacent States. After some hesitation and explanation we on the first day of April, A.D. 1900, took hold of the Missions given up by the Michigan Synod. The first German settlers in those regions were for the greatest part free-thinkers and atheists, but for some time an ever increasing number of immigrants are wending their way to the Pacific States on account of their rich natural resources. Although the beginnings of our Missions are at present very small, yet the outlook is very promising. Two years ago several pastors and congregations formed a Synod and ap-

plied for admission to the General Council, which, however, deemed it best to refer the application to this coming convention. The President of the Oregon Synod (*) is the Rev. B. Merz, stationed at Cleveland, Douglas County, Ore. He was formerly a professor in the theological seminary of the Michigan Synod at Saginaw, and exerted himself most strenuously in behalf of the Oregon Mission. Our traveling Missionary, the Rev. W. J. Roehmer, has recently removed from Cleveland, Ore., to a larger field in the north of the State, where he is now on a territory covering a hundred miles and has established six preaching stations. Brother Merz has taken charge of the stations formerly served by Pastor Roehmer. This Brother writes: "From day to day I am standing in the sun's burning heat chopping wood, because I must make a living that way, and on Saturday I start for my preaching stations which are not very far away." We could not contribute to his support more than $150, but his traveling expenses were almost as high as his allowance.

The Rev. E. Meyer resides at Oregon City, being in charge of the congregation there, but in addition to it he serves a congregation at Fairdale, the preaching stations Buxton and Meads, and the English congregation at Jualatin, altogether 164 souls, 36 being confirmed members. In the parochial school at Oregon City he teaches 21 children and the same number in the Sunday-school. Brother Meyer writes: "All the stations are promising and at one of them we shall build a church in the near future." A new church building was erected recently at Oregon City. This congregation, however, is burdened with a debt of $700. Pastor Meyer receives from us a yearly stipend of $120. The small congregation at Medford, Ore., is under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. Sack who also serves a congregation at Lake Creek, both numbering 94 souls, 36 communicants, and a preaching station at Grants Pass with 5 communicants. His allowance is $50 a year. He says: "In order to make an

(*) The Oregon Synod is now known as the Pacific Synod, and belongs to the General Council.

honest living, I and my wife are working in a hop-dryer, but we are in good health at that, thanks to the Lord."

The Rev. A. Schoenberg is stationed at Macksburg, Clacamas County, Oregon. Here the congregation owns a church building and a parsonage. Brother Schoenberg serves also the congregations at New Era, Needy and Lents, all in all 245 souls, 135 communicants. His allowance is $50. His son Theophile, having finished his studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary, was employed by us as a traveling preacher in spring and summer. We aided him to the amount of $50. His reports, as well as those of our other Missionaries, have appeared in our Mission paper *Siloah*. We are sorry to say that the Synod of Oregon has lost two young active members, the Rev. F. Vircke, of San Jose, Cal., and the Rev. C. F. Miller, of La Camas, Wash., whose congregations are still vacant.

D.—In the *Northwest Territories* of Canada, our Mission work was carried on actively and prosperously. The number of our Missionaries rose from 9 to 13. The Rev. F. Beer, formerly a professor in the theological seminary at Kropp, Schleswig, is President of the Manitoba Synod, the Rev. W. Willing its Secretary.

1. *Winnipeg*, Manitoba. This city is the rallying depot for the immigrants, who after staying for a while there, are scattering over the vast Territories of the Northwest. Our Winnipeg congregation, therefore, is to us a most important one, but at the same time subject to continuous changes. Brother Beer labors there most actively and successfully. His church of the Holy Trinity numbers 500 souls, 300 confirmed members, 389 communicants. The congregation owns a church building worth $4,000 and a parsonage worth $700. Brother Beer, whose hospitable roof shelters the brethren on many occasions and who as President of Synod is obliged to make frequent journeys in order to visit the scattered congregations, receives from us on that account the greatest allowance, viz., $360. Besides the Winnipeg congregation he is in charge of Niverville, 26 miles distant (75 souls, 45 con-

firmed, 14 communicants,); Friedensfeld, 42 miles, (150 souls, 90 confirmed, 40 communicants,) church building worth $700; Beausejour, 41 miles, (60 souls, 36 confirmed, 21 communicants,); Brokenhead, 54 miles (60 souls, 36 confirmed, 21 communicants,); Whitemouth 66 miles, (75 souls, 45 confirmed, 33 communicants,); Springfield, 17 miles, (60 souls, 36 confirmed, 34 communicants,) church building worth $400—altogether 980 souls, 588 confirmed members, 552 communicants.

2. *Gretna*, Manitoba. The Rev. E. Berthold who served this large parish faithfully for four years, went back to Germany in the summer of 1900, because he could no longer bear the hardships of his work. His successor, the Rev. Edw. Aksim, of Kropp, took charge of the parish on the first of July in 1900. He was examined and ordained by the Manitoba Synod. Brother Berthold had a large family, but Brother Aksim is a single man. We therefore discontinued the appropriation of $400, and to our great relief the parish became self-supporting. Pastor Aksim's parish consisted at the time, of the following congregations: St. Paul's at Gretna (400 souls, 200 confirmed members, 195 communicants), a church building worth $1700, a debt of $500, a lot of land; Rosenfeld, 15 miles distant (200 souls, 100 confirmed, 57 communicants), church building worth $1000, debt $500, a lot of land; Neu Deutschland, 45 miles (80 souls, 40 confirmed, 18 communicants); Morris, 30 miles (15 souls, 12 confirmed, 19 communicants); Friedensthal, 30 miles (250 souls, 100 confirmed, 55 communicants), church building worth $800, debt $400, one acre of land; Overstone, 45 miles (50 souls, 30 confirmed, 10 communicants); Rosenau, 40 miles (50 souls, 30 confirmed, 14 communicants), school house worth $150; Bathgate, (20 souls, 15 confirmed); Altona (5 souls, 5 confirmed, 20 communicants); Dresden, 80 miles (150 souls, 100 confirmed, 62 communicants), church building worth $300, 3 acres of land—altogether 1220 souls; 635 confirmed, 450 communicants. At the urgent request of Brother Aksim we divided this large parish on the first day

of July 1901. The Rev. Johannes Burgdorf, of Kropp, took charge of Dresden, North Dakota, and the Rev. Henry Becker, also of Kropp, of Friedensthal, Overstone and Rosenau. Both were examined and ordained at Winnipeg by the Manitoba Synod. Owing to this partition we agreed to allow the Revs. Aksim, Burgdorf and Becker a yearly stipend of $75 each.

3. *Tupper*, Manitoba. The Rev. V. Henning is in charge of the church at Grass River, (P. O. Plumas, Man.) The parish is self-supporting. At the last meeting of Synod the Rev. V. Henning was restored to full membership after a thorough investigation of the charges brought against him. He reports 322 souls, 166 confirmed, 220 communicants, a church building worth a thousand ($1,000) dollars, a parsonage worth $250, a cemetery and some land.

4. *Neudorf*, Assiniboia. There the Rev. Martin Ruccius was in charge of Zion's Church, which numbers 620 souls, 300 confirmed, 378 communicants and owns a church building worth $1700, a parsonage worth $700, and 10 acres of land. Besides this church he served Pheasant Forks, 8 miles distant (130 souls, 65 confirmed, 52 communicants), church building worth $600, 3 acres of land; Wolseley, 25 miles (81 souls, 34 confirmed, 42 communicants), church building recently destroyed by a storm; Josephsberg, 15 miles (39 souls, 20 confirmed, 28 communicants); Grenfell, 21 miles (35 souls, 11 confirmed, 11 communicants); Indian Head, 45 miles (12 souls, 8 confirmed, 6 communicants)—altogether 917 souls, 438 confirmed, 517 communicants. Owing to the frequent exposures to cold and rain Brother Ruccius had such eye troubles that he, to our great sorrow, was obliged to resign his charge. We contributed $312 to his support, but expect the parish to become self-supporting in the near future.

5. *Edenwald*, Assin. Here we have the Rev. W. Willing in charge of St. John's Church (220 souls, 123 confirmed, 162 communicants, church building worth $800, six acres of land, cemetery); Longlaketon (58 souls, 29 confirmed, 42 com-

municants); Strassburg (105 souls, 55 confirmed, 28 communicants); Kronau (135 souls, 50 confirmed, 74 communicants); Davin (61 souls, 30 confirmed, 35 communicants); Lebret (26 souls, 10 confirmed, 8 communicants)—altogether 605 souls, 297 confirmed, 349 communicants. We contributed $300 to the Pastor's salary.

6. *Langenburg*, Assin. The Rev. O. Mordhorst has labored here from July 25, 1899. He served Langenburg (150 souls, 101 confirmed, 95 communicants, parsonage worth $100, a cemetery of two acres, no church building); Beresina, 15 miles (15 souls, 5 confirmed, 8 communicants); Hoffenthal, 9 miles, (14 souls, 7 confirmed, 10 communicants) and Friedfeld, 32 miles, (60 souls, 41 confirmed, 69 communicants)—in all 237 souls, 154 confirmed, 172 communicants. For a time he had a preaching station at Yorktown—Langenau, 70 miles distant, but the settlers apparently have moved away. His allowance was $100.

7. *Edmonton*, Alberta. The Rev. F. Pempeit served St. Paul's Church at Lutherhort (360 souls, 213 confirmed, 241 communicants, a parsonage with room for services worth $500, 40 acres of land); St. John's at Heimthal, 15 miles (125 souls, 60 confirmed, 71 communicants, church building worth $300, 40 acres of land); and Leduc, 20 miles (82 souls, 40 confirmed, 5 communicants), but on account of trouble in his parish he resigned recently. We contributed $300 to his scanty salary, but hope now that the parish will become self-supporting.

8. *Stony Plain* (Spruce Grove), Alberta, formerly a part of the Edmonton District, was since 1898 in charge of the Rev. G. Poensgen. When he resigned last year on account of failing health, we sent the Rev. G. Runge into the parish which is self-supporting. At Spruce Grove, Bro. Runge serves St. Matthew's Congregation (parsonage with room for services and for school, worth $1100, debt $640, 40 acres of land) and at Rosenthal, 10 miles distant, Immanuel's Church which recently built a church.

9. *Wetaskiwin*, Alberta. Here the Rev. F. Bredlow serves St. John's Church (248 souls, 115 confirmed, 123 communi-

cants, church building worth $500, a lot of land and a cemetery); also Red Deer Lake, 35 miles (125 souls, 60 confirmed, 55 communicants); Duhamel, 20 miles (44 souls, 25 confirmed, 20 communicants); Lacombe and Bear Hills, 45 miles (35 souls, 20 confirmed, 8 communicants)—altogether 452 souls, 220 confirmed, 206 communicants.

10. *Fort Saskatchewan*, Alberta. The Rev. A. Lilge is in charge of Brüderheim (41 souls, 20 confirmed, 10 acres of land, a little church is building now); Beaver Hills, 8 miles (44 souls, 25 confirmed, 40 acres of land) and Fort Saskatchewan, 12 miles (16 souls, 9 confirmed). Bad harvests have hindered a prosperous development of this parish. We, therefore, had to raise Bro. Lilge's salary from $100 to $150.

11. *Rostern*, Saskatchewan, is a new parish, served by the Rev. H. Walbaum since last year. Christ Church at Rostern numbers 139 souls, 54 confirmed, 50 communicants, and owns a church building worth $1500, but is burdened with a debt of $1100. St. John's Congregation at Stony Hill, 18 miles distant, numbers 33 souls, 27 confirmed, 47 communicants, and the preaching station Fulda-Wingart, 30 miles distant, numbers 15 souls, 7 confirmed. Bro. Walbaum's allowance is $150.

Early night-frosts, untimely wet weather, frequent hailstorms are hurting the harvests in many parts of the Northwest Territories. The great distances, the severe cold, snowdrifts and inundations are working unspeakable hardships to our Missionaries. But worse than these troubles are the continuous frictions and disturbances brought about by the Missourians and other sects who try by all means to win adherents amongst the inexperienced and trusting immigrants. To our great sorrow even the *Lutherische Kirchenblatt*, published by some German ministers belonging to the General Council and edited by the Rev. F. Wischan, has for years attacked and denounced our Mission work as a blunder and not worthy of support, protesting that we should labor in the East and leave the Northwest to other Synods. But the East is the Pennsylvania Synod's and the New York Ministerium's

territory. Shall we then, indeed, transfer our Missions to the Missourians who entered the field after us trying to supplant us, and attacking us most bitterly? We have repeatedly explained that we had to take hold of the work in Manitoba about 13 years ago, urged by the Canada Synod. Shall we relinquish it after so much labor and so much success? We felt obliged to help the Missions in Oregon after many urgent calls for assistance. Both Synods, the Manitoba as well as the Oregon Synod, keep a strict supervision over pastors and congregations. Therefore, the charge of lacking supervision is groundless. We grieve very much that German brethren belonging to the General Council are adding to our manifold difficulties and troubles instead of lending us a helping hand. However, by the Lord's blessing, our Mission work in the Northwest has prospered. We have there now 13 ministers, 49 congregations and, including the latest report of Spruce Grove parish, 5833 souls and 3116 communicants. During the last year immigration has acquired great proportions and will, we trust, prove a great b. on for our Mission fields.

May the Lord continue to look with favor upon our missionary labors, may He richly bless our brethren in the field and all the congregations, may He in His mercy arouse many hearts to become our cheerful helpers!

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. MOLDEHNKE, Chairman.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1901.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Board, from Sept. 21, 1899, to Sept. 30, 1901:

RECEIPTS.

Balance Sept. 21, 1899	$ 60 47
Contributions	7,774 93
For property sold in Salt Lake City, Utah	255 00
Total	$8,090 40

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionaries	$7,008 79
Mortgage on property in Salt Lake City	207 08
Note due " " " " " "	38 00
Note, balance of loan	500 00
Interest on Note and Mortgage	33 25
Traveling expenses for Missionary to Canada	92 00
Postal cards and printing	69 46
For collecting checks and Revenue Stamps	20 79
Forwarded for special purposes	70 00
Total	$8,039 37
Leaving a balance of	51 03
	$8,090 40

OCTOBER 2, 1901. MARTIN WULFF, Treasurer.

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the German Home Mission Board, have examined the Account of the Treasurer and respectfully report the same correct as above given.

CHAS. D. BOSCHEN,
G. SPECKEL,
Committee.

"Siloah" Account from Sept. 21, 1899, to Sept. 30, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Sept. 21, 1899	$ 133 08
For subscriptions from Rev. Dr. H. Grahn, Agent	1,020 09
Total	$1,153 17

EXPENDITURES.

For printing and mailing 25 numbers	$1,006 55
Balance Sept. 30, 1901	146 62
	$1,153 17

MARTIN WULFF, Treasurer.

The undersigned Committee, appointed by the Board of Home Missions, have examined the Account of "Siloah" and find the same correct.

OCTOBER 2, 1901. CHAS. B. BOSCHEN,
G. SPECKEL,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted. The Rev. F. Beer, President of the Manitoba Synod, received permission to make a statement of the work of this Synod in the Northwest. After this it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the points of importance in the address of the Rev. F. Beer, should be submitted in writing to the Board of German Home Missions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Council be instructed to

pay $50, each, to the delegates of the Manitoba and Pacific Synods, to defray their travelling expenses to the convention of the Council.

On motion of the Rev. G. A. Benze, it was

Resolved, That the work of the Board of German Home Missions be heartily commended; and that our congregations be urged to give it their hearty support.

Prof. C. W. Foss, Secretary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered in the minutes:

REPORT of the BOARD of SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

The Mission field under the direct control of the Augustana Synod comprises Montana, Idaho, Utah, Alaska and to some extent California. The Home Mission work in all other States and in Canada is conducted by the various Conferences of the Synod. The Synod also supports a Swedish Immigrant Home in New York City.

MONTANA.

The Chief Mission stations in Montana are Helena, Butte and Anaconda. Hamilton, Missoula and Great Falls are branch stations and receive occasional visits. After three years of hard work as Missionary in Helena, Rev. C. E. Frisk resigned in the summer of 1900. The place was filled by the temporary appointment of Mr. A. R. Shelander, a former student of Augustana College, and Mr. C. O. Lundquist, a theological student; the former served until June, 1901, and the latter from that time to September 15, 1901. Rev. P. A. Fair has just accepted a permanent call to this place, and will be ready to enter upon his duties before the end of this month. Our services have been held in the German Lutheran Church of Helena, but preparations are now being made for building a church of our own.

Rev. A. E. Gustafson resigned as Missionary in Butte, Montana, in the fall of 1899, but continued to serve until June, 1900. Mr. A. S. Hamilton, a theological student, was then sent there for the summer vacation. In August of that year Rev. L. A. Hocanzon was called as permanent Mission-

ary. Since his arrival in Butte a suitable church building has been erected. Our church property there is now valued at about $5000.

Students A. J. Carlson and Olof Wallin labored successively in Anaconda until September, 1900, since which time the work there has been largely neglected. Another student, Mr. E. J. Sanders, has lately been called to the Mission field in Montana, and it is expected that he will be assigned to this place. Montana is a large field for Swedish Missions, there being over 20,000 Swedes in the State. But as they are widely scattered and most of them have been for years separated from all church connection and religious influence the work is connected with great difficulties and discouragements.

IDAHO.

Rev. J. E. Shipp is our only Missionary in Idaho. He is stationed in Idaho Falls, where we have an organized congregation and a church edifice. He has labored there since his ordination in June, 1900. He preaches also at Basalt, Pocatillo, Boise and other places in the State.

UTAH.

Rev. P. E. Aslev is still stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah, where we have property valued at $20,000. After several years of successful labors in Provo, Ogden and other places, Rev. A. Gunberg left the Mission field last April to accept a call as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Ottumwa, Iowa. As yet the Board has been unable to secure a suitable man for these places. A deaconess, Hulda Hultquist, is employed in Ogden, and Rev. Herbert Martens of the General Council's Mission in Salt Lake City has agreed to preach at this place as often as his time permits. We have a parsonage and a church in both Provo and Ogden.

ALASKA.

Hearing that large numbers of Swedish Lutherans were found in Douglas Island and other places in Alaska, the Board sent Dr. S. P. A. Lindahl on an inspection tour through

that territory in the summer of 1900. In his report Dr. Lindahl recommended that a Mission be established immediately in Douglas Island. Mission work had in fact already been begun. A former student of Augustana College, Mr. A. Forsberg, a mining engineer, located there, had held religious exercises with his countrymen occasionally. The Board decided to establish a Mission at this place and sent Mr. S. P. Holmberg, a student, to begin the work last December. Rev. J. N. Sundquist has lately succeeded him as Missionary at this place.

CALIFORNIA AND COLUMBIA CONFERENCES.

The California Conference embracing the State of California is in reality all a Mission field. The Synod contributes $1000 the present year, but the direction of all the work is in the hands of the Conference. The Synod at its last meeting also made an appropriation for the Mission work of the Columbia Conference.

At its last meeting the Home Mission Board sent a call to the Rev. A. B. Lilja to become Missionary in the Synod's Immigrant Home in New.

A full statistical report of the Home Mission work of the various Conferences of the Synod is hereunto subjoined.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Foss, Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARBITRATION IN HOME MISSION WORK.

No meeting has been held since your last convention of the joint Committee on Arbitration. We respectfully recommend that the duties of this Committee be referred to the committee charged with other negotiations with representatives of other Lutheran Bodies.

H. E. Jacobs,
S. A. Repass,
C. A. Evald.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass also presented the following

REPORT of COMMITTEE on GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your representative to arrange for the holding of a General Conference with representatives of other Lutheran bodies, respectfully reports that a correspondence with the representatives of the General Synod and United Synod of the South, resulted in the decision to defer action until after the conventions to be held during the present year. The member of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod (Rev. Dr. M. W. Hamma) has written recently from Paris, urging that arrangements be made for such Conference, if possible, not later than the week after Easter, 1902.

We earnestly recommend that the General Council direct that such arrangements be made.

HENRY E. JACOBS.

The report was received and adopted, and the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs was elected the appointee of the General Council.

The Rev Dr. S. A. Repass also presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

In presenting our report, we beg leave to briefly review the progress that has been made since our appointment.

This Committee was constituted at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1893, in response to an overture presented by the General Synod, (See Minutes, Fort Wayne Convention, pp. 11-13) requesting the appointment of a Committee of Conference, "for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of practical co-operation." In making the "overture" the General Synod especially declared that the proposed co-operation was "not to be interpreted as a surrender or compromise of the doctrinal position of any party entering therein." The General Council, in assenting to the proposal

of the General Synod, charged the Committee "in all its consultations to act in strict accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Faith and Polity laid down in the Constitutions of this Body, and in no respect to depart from them." (Fort Wayne Minutes, p. 88.) At your Convention at Easton, in 1895, this Committee reported the results of a Conference, held in Philadelphia in January, 1894, and the trend of the discussion. "The question," it was stated, "was as to what could be done until it would be possible for the representatives of the two Bodies to discuss the question of their alleged doctrinal differences. (Easton Minutes, p. 16.) Certain lines of procedure guaranteeing non-interference with each others' work, pending such issue, were agreed to by the Joint Committee and ratified by both Bodies. A General Conference was also suggested by your representatives on this Committee, and ratified by both General Synod and United Synod of the South. Pending the resolutions ordering another Conference to be held, your Committee deemed no further action on its part necessary and so reported at your last Convention. (Chicago Minutes, p. 148.) The General Synod at York most cordially approved the holding of another General Conference. At the Convention at Des Moines the Minutes (pp. 43, 44) show that "methods of co-operation" were proposed to the General Synod by the Official Visitor from this Body, and that action was taken (p. 58) which will probably be duly submitted to this Convention. Since the knowledge of this precise status has been accessible, only since the recent publication of the Minutes of the General Synod, and a full report will doubtless be made by your Official Visitor, your Committee has no recommendations to make.

HENRY E. JACOBS,
S. A. REPASS,
GEO. C. F. HAAS,
J. C. KUNZMAN,
L. G. ABRAHAMSON.

The Rev. Dr. C. J. Cooper, Chairman, presented the following report, which was considered item by item, amended and adopted, as here follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

1. BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.,	Dr. Samuel P. Sadtler,
" Samuel Laird, D.D.,	E. Augustus Miller, Esq.,
" M. C. Ranseen, D.D.,	Mr. Henry Lehman,
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.,	" W. H. Hagar,
" G. W. Sandt,	" Alfred G. Saeger,
" S. A. Repass, D.D.,	" Julius A. Bohn,
" F. J, F. Schantz, D.D.,	" F. P. D. Miller.
" O. P. Smith, D.D.	

2. BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. C. G. Fischer,	Mr. Martin Wulff,
" Emil Krehling,	" L. W. Kaufmann,
" Wm. Ludwig,	" Gustaf Speckel,
" D. W. Peterson,	" John Sutter,
" Ernst Neudoerffer,	" W. M. Braun,
" J. J. Kuendig, D.D.,	" F. Kracke.
" F. P. Holter,	
" August Fischer,	
" J. A. W. Kirsch.	

3. BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

Dr. E. Norelius,	Rev. C. A. Hemberg,
" C. E. Lindberg,	Dr. C. W. Foss,
" L. G. Abrahamson,	Mr. A. P. Soderquist,
Rev. J. G. Dahlberg,	" J. G. Spencer,

Mr. V. Hedman.

4. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
2 years, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.	2 years, Mr. Conrad Itter,
2 " " C. A. Blomgren, Ph.D.,	2 " " Albert Oetinger,
2 " " J. J. Heischman, D.D.,	2 " Philip Zieber, Esq.,
2 " " H. E. Jacobs, D.D.,	4 " Wm. H. Staake, Esq.,
2 " " E. R. Cassaday,	4 " Dr. S. C. Seiple,
4 " " E. E. Sibole, D.D.,	4 " Mr. James M. Snyder,
4 " " R. C. G. Bielinski,	4 " " J. Dangler.
4 " " E. T. Horn, D.D.,	
4 " " C. E. Slaett.	

5. BOARD OF IMMIGRANT MISSION.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. A. Richter,	Mr. Chas. D. Boschen,
" J. J. Heischman, D.D.,	" J. Repenhagen,
" H. Biederbecke,	" M. Wulff.
" G. C. F. Haas, D.D.,	
" D. W. Peterson,	
" R. Luehrs,	
" W. Ludwig.	

6. BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.,	Dr. S. P. Sadler,
" S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.,	Mr. James N. Mohr,
" G. C. F. Haas, D.D.,	" James G. Finley,
" C. J. Cooper.	" C. B. Opp,
	G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.,
	Mr. G. D. Boschen.

7. PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

Headquarters, Pittsburg, Pa.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.,	Mr. B. Frank Weyman,
" B. F. Hankey,	J. Boyd Duff, Esq.,
" J. L. Smith, D.D.,	Mr. W. Warren Wattles,
" E. Belfour, D.D.,	" Thomas H. Lane.
" Philip Andreen.	

8. TRUSTEES.

1902.	1903.
E. Augustus Miller, Esq.,	William H. Staake, Esq.,
Mr. Wm. F. Monroe,	Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.,
" Henry Lehman.	Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer.

1904.

Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.,
" A. Spaeth, D.D.,
" G. F. Krotel, D.D.

The number of the members constituting the Porto Rico Mission Board was made nine, instead of seven as originally constituted. The President was authorized to appoint the Committee on Co-operation with the General Synod.

In the absence of Dr. Norelius, the President read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

I have no report to present in regard to the Icelandic Synod. The times of meeting of their Synod and the Augustana were so close together that I could not possibly have attended both meetings. I sent them a fraternal letter.

E. Norelius.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, Chairman, presented the following

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, respectfully report:

1. That but one meeting has been held since the last convention of this body, no occasion having arisen for any more.

2. That there have been no additions to the property of the Council by gift or donation during the past biennium.

3. That the Treasurer, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., was duly authorized to enter satisfaction of a mortgage, and constituted the attorney in fact to act for the Trustees in matters of this character in the future.

4. That at the instance of the Board of Foreign Missions, and in view of recent legislation in the Empire of India, the Rev. H. E. Isaacson was duly appointed the authorized Agent of the General Council in India to meet the requirements of the present law in that country.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Seiss, President.

The report was received, adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss also presented the following report, which was also adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Church Book begs leave to report as follows:

1. That the destruction of the electrotype plates of the chief form of the Church Book in the great fire which destroyed the Lippincott establishment soon after the last Convention of this body, necessitated the preparation of a new set of plates, which was done under the supervision of your Committee.

2. That, although authority was given at Erie (See Minutes of 1897, p. 93) to revise the Marriage Service, and to re-arrange some other portions, it was concluded to make no material changes, in view of the fact that arrangements for the preparation of a Common Book, as the Common Service, are in active operation, by order of three General Bodies of our Church in this country, including the General Council. The same paging with former editions of the Church Book has been retained, and only some literary and typographical inaccuracies have been corrected.

3. That sundry meetings of your Committee have been held jointly with similar Committees of the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South, to arrange and pursue the work of preparing a Common Book of Worship. Considerable progress has also been made in this regard. Forms for the administration of Baptism and the rite of Confirmation have been about completed, and a Proof Copy of a Common Hymnal has been printed. About 450 hymns have been passed upon by the Joint Committee, and more than 300 of those have been approved for insertion in the new book. It will take years to finish the work, but the prospect is encouraging for ultimate success.

At the last Convention of the General Council, the Publication Board was "asked to issue a new edition of the Kir-

chenbuch, of intermediate size," and Dr. A. Spaeth was charged with the duty of editing the same, which is now nearly finished. In this edition of the Kirchenbuch, for the first time, the lines of the Hymns are separated according to metre. At the special request of the Synod of Iowa, the new orthography has been adopted in this edition. It is believed that this form will be most acceptable to the congregations using the Kirchenbuch.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. SEISS, Chairman.

The Rev. H. J. Berkemeier, Immigrant Missionary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on our minutes:

REPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSIONARY, From July 1, 1899, to July 1, 1901.

Reverend and dear Fathers and Brethren:

It gives me great pleasure to be permitted to appear before your venerable Body to present myself as your Immigrant Missionary and humble servant.

The love and loyalty towards the General Council, I have, so to say, inherited from my sainted father, who was a member of it from the beginning and who belonged to the old valiant guard.

Before going any farther, I would like to avail myself of the opportunity to thank this venerable Council for the confidence which was unreservedly placed upon me at your last meeting, when my election as Immigrant Missionary was promptly confirmed.

I do not presume the capability of filling the place of the deceased founder of our noble work in the Immigrant Mission, but it is my aim to continue the work in the same mind and spirit, and with my feeble strength thereby serve the Lord and His Church.

To pursue the work of the Immigrant Mission means *to serve*, serve God in the brethren and serve the brethren according to God's will as faithful followers of our dear Master

who came into the world,. not to be ministered unto, but to minister for many (Matth. 20, 28). With this spirit I appear for the first time before this venerable Body and hope, that it is observed in me, that I mean it heartily well, and that my whole heart is in the work, and with these sentiments I trust in the Lord and in the support (co-operation) of my brethren.

As we take an interest in the immigrating fellow-believers immediately upon their arrival, greeting them in the name of God and His Church, harboring them with Christian love, trying to influence them spiritually, admonishing and directing them to their mother church, and in many cases giving them an introduction to Lutheran pa tors, we not alone serve the individual souls, but also our beloved Lutheran Church. It is natural that we especially consider the congregations and missions in the boundaries of our General Council.

We wish to thankfully acknowledge our appreciation to the General Council for so kindly considering our request in printing the alphabetical list of our Lutheran pastors according to the States and post-office addresses, which has made it possible for us to direct by letter the many immigrants to our congregations, and performing a very i mprtant mission among our German immigrants.

In connection to this I would make mention, that we will gladly take notice, that, if our attention is called by pastors and missionaries of our General Council to settlements or missionary fields where our immigrant fellow-believers can have their livelihood and can find their church again, we would direct those Lutheran immigrants, who have no destination, to such places. This plan would be beneficial particularly to our German congregations and Missions. It is our desire that the importance of our work among immigrants be better known in our congregations and that there be more interest awakened, and that the General Council feel called upon to recommend anew this valuable branch of the Inner Mission.

We offer our services to purchase steamship tickets for all who desire to procure passage for themselves or friends

going to or coming from any part of Europe at the lowest possible rates.

Our old home, No. 26 State Street, had to be vacated, because it was part of the site on which the new custom house is now being erected. The Emigrant House Association has bought No. 4 State Street for $78,000. The occupants of No. 4 State Street had a lease of 5 years on the place which could not be bought, so we were obliged to move with our large household from 24 State Street to No. 12 State Street, which we have leased for 5 years for $3200 a year. Necessary alterations were made at the cost of about $3000. Three years later we hope to move to No. 4 State Street.

The object of our institution is not only to furnish the immigrants on their arrival a comfortable home at a moderate price and to be helpful to them in everything relating to their persons, their baggage, etc., but to meet and greet them with the Word of God. For this purpose there is a chapel in the house, where the Word of God is not only preached on the Lord's day, but where the Scriptures are read morning and evening, and where God is worshipped by prayer, praise and thanksgiving. This is the inexpressible blessing of the Immigrant House. In many instances have our guests told us with tears of the impressions they received when they entered the chapel and again heard the hymns they were accustomed to sing, as

"Ach bleib mit Deiner Gnade,
Bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ."

During the past two years 10,981 persons were received with the law of kindness and a Christian home within our walls, while 1018 of these were cared for without money or price. $471.19 were expended in relieving the poor. The correspondence, dispatches and postals relating to the immigrants and their interests amounted to 7310 and about as many answered.*)

Not only during the cold winter but also during the summer we daily have poor hungry emigrants come to our door

*) Of annual Reports and Circulars 8400 were sent.

and have the table spread for them. This gives us many opportunities to also serve them spiritually. Contributions were received for the Emigrant Mission $966.07 and for the poor $501.56. It is particularly verified with us what our Master says: "For ye have the poor with you always and whensoever ye will, you may do them good." (Mark 14: 7.) We are willing, but we are dependent on the liberal support of benevolent Christians and congregations.

The Board of Directors have revised and so altered the constitution, that now the Missionary is also Housefather. I would especially mention the faithful assistance of our commendable Board of Directors, who with their loving confidence and able advice have considerably lightened my two-fold duties as Housefather and Missionary. To know that I am permitted to carry on the work of the Lord's cause in company with such conscientious men, is for me, yet inexperienced, a great help and encouragement.

Within the past two years our Board suffered a painful loss in the death of two members: Mr. S. F. J. Anger and Mr. William Hauff, who labored zealously for our Mission for many years. We shall always retain a thankful remembrance of them.

We commend the Emigrant House to the Lord and to the confidence and co-operation of the whole church. It stands at the threshhold of the new world, a noble monument of faith and love and, seeking to do good to all, it withholds its benediction from none.

We thank the General Council heartily for its interest in our work and kindly ask, that it will preserve the same for us in the future. But above all, we praise and glorify our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings, and implore that He will still aid us and fulfill His gracious promise: Lo, I am with you alway.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Berkemeier,
Immigrant Missionary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL,

For the Two Years, from July 1, 1899 to July 1, 1901.

1899, July 1, Balance in Treasury for Immigrant Mission	$ 139 42	
" " " for Poor Immigrants...	61 42	
		$ 200 84

RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Donations received from Synods, Congregations, Sunday-schools, Societies, Individuals, as acknowledged	$ 966 07	

RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

Donations, as above	$ 501 56	
		1,467 63
Total..		$ 1,668 47

DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Salary of Missionary, Rev. H. J. Berkemeier	$ 787 50	
Loan of the Emigrant House,	100 00	
To the Treasurer of the Emigrant House for Missionary's Salary	200 00	
Miscellaneous, visits in Hospitals, etc	7 89	
		$ 1,095 39

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

222 Cases of Assistance to Poor Immigrants and towards Traveling Expenses	$ 275 04	
1042 Meals to Poor Immigrants out of work	194 15	
200 St Andrews Society coffee tickets	2 00	
		471 19
Total		$ 1,566 58
1901, July 1, to Balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 10 10	
Balance for Poor Immigrants	91 79	
		$ 101 89
Total		$ 1,668 47

FR. KRACKE, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. D. BOSCHEN, President.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to continue the publication of a Geographical Register in the forth-coming Lutheran Church Almanac.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last Convention of the General Council (Chicago 1899) the Third Conference of Lutheran Deaconess Mother-houses in America was held at Omaha, Neb., in the Immanuel Deaconess Institute, the Rev. E. A. Fogelstroen, Rector. Philadelphia, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Omaha were represented at the Conference.

Papers were presented and discussed on the following subjects:

"The Relation of the Mother-house to the Church," by Dr. A. Spaeth.

"The Service of Consecration," by Dr. F. P. Manhart.

"How can we Introduce Deaconess Work into the Congregation to make it Successful?" by Rev. S. R. Tollefson.

"The Deaconess and the Trained Nurse," by Rev. Wm. A. Passavant, Jr.

"The Spirit of Cheerfulness among our Sisters," by Rev. C. Goedel.

The Conference expressed the sentiment, that in the present stage of the development of our Mother-house, it is not deemed advisable to receive into our Mother-house applicants who do not intend to become full and regular members of the same, but only subject to receive a certain training in the special relation of hospitals.

A committee was appointed to prepare a general circular containing an appeal to our Lutheran pastors and our Christian women in behalf of this work and explaining the nature of Deaconess work and of the Mother-house training, and the urgent necessity for more workers. This circular was issued on the day of Theodore Fliedner's centenary. (January 1, 1900.)

An agreement was reached by the Conference on the rendering of the principal Technical Terms used in connection with the Deaconess work in the English language.

The Deaconess cause in America sustained two severe losses, during the past summer, in the death of the Rev. Wil-

liam A. Passavant, Jr., Rector of the Milwaukee Mother-house, and of John T. Lankenau, the founder and sole supporter of the Philadelphia Mother-house. The former in the prime of his years was just on the point of starting on a journey to Europe, where he intended to visit the principal Mother-houses, and thus to equip himself more fully for a vigorous and intelligent prosecution of the work in America. The latter, at the advanced age of 85 years, was called to rest from his labors, after spending hundreds of thousands in the interest of this work and proving himself the most liberal and indefatigable supporter of the cause and a true paternal friend to the Sisters, and making full provision in his last will and testament for the future of the Philadelphia Mother-house.

The memory of these men will forever be precious in history of Lutheran Deaconess Work in America.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

LIMA, O., Oct. 12, 1901. A. SPAETH.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, also, presented the following report which was received and ordered to be entered on our minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONVOCATION OF CHURCH MUSICIANS.

In submitting this report your Committee begs leave to introduce a brief summary of those fundamental principles on which, in the judgment of your Committee, a sound conception of pure Church Music is based, and which must be duly appreciated and put into practice wherever existing abuses are to be stopped and a true reformation of our Church Music is to be inaugurated.

Those principles are as follows:

1. Church Music is Service Music, not Concert Music.

2. Church Music is Congregational Music, not Choir Music, to the exclusion or deprivation of the congregation.

3. Church Music is essentially Vocal Music, not instrumental.

4. The three chief elements of Church Music are: The Recitative in the Gregorian; the Melodic in the Choral; the Harmonic in the Mottette, the figured settings of the masters.

5. These three elements ought to be carefully studied by all lovers of true Church Music, especially our leaders and organists.

6. For the Mother Church of the Reformation the Choral is to be considered as the very heart and center of her Church Music, and every reform ought to begin with the restoration of the rich treasures of our Chorals, if possible, in their original, animated, rhythmical form.

In accordance with the instructions under which your Committee is appointed, two Convocations were held since the last meeting of the General Council.

On October 11 and 12, 1900, the Third Convocation assembled at St. Mark's English Lutheran Church, New York, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., pastor. The following topics were discussed on the basis of carefully prepared papers:

Where must we begin in order to improve the quality of the Music used in our Churches? Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.

The Pastor and the Organist. Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth.

The Music of the Communion Service. Rev. Luther D. Reed.

The Child and Music. Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.

What can be done to introduce the German Choral into our English Lutheran Congregations? Mr. Wm. Benbow.

The interpretative use of the organ in the service. Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.

Boy Choirs. Rev. A. L. Steimle.

Choir Training. Prof. C. A. Marks.

The great musical feature at this Convocation was the Concert of the Leipzic Solo Quartette for Church Song, Prof. Bruno Roethig, Director, whose first concert in America was arranged in connection with our Convention. The Program was "Meistersinger Evang. Kirchenmusik" from the 16th to the 19th Century. The visit of the Leipzic Quartette to America and their matchless presentation of the Chorals of

our Church proved most instructive and stimulating to all lovers of pure Church Music in our own, as well as in other churches. The impression made by their 54 Concerts, given within two months for charitable objects, will not be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to hear them.

The Fourth Convocation was held October 8th and 9th in St. John's German Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. J. A. H. Kirsch, pastor. The Program presented the following topics:

Organ Preludes and Postludes. Prof. C. A. Marks.

Choir Music of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth.

The Deterioration of Choir Music. Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.

Church Music as a part of our Educational System. Rev. R. Morris Smith.

The Location of the Choir and Organ. Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.

The proposed Summer School for Church Music. Rev. Luther D. Reed.

Three full Choral Services were held during the Convocation, Choral Matins on the morning and Choral Vespers on the evening of the first day, and a full Choral Communion Service on the forenoon of the second day. Through the liberality of a devoted friend of our cause the choir of the First English Lutheran Church of Pittsburg was enabled to be present and to render the music for those services in masterly style. The three features of our Church Music, the plain song of liturgical responses, the Choral of the Congregation, and the exquisite artistic settings of such masters as Orlando di Lasso, Palestrina, Bach and others, were all represented in such forms, as it has rarely, if ever, been our privilege to hear them.

A popular feature of our Fourth Convocation was a Meeting of Lutherans at the Temple of Music at the Pan American Exposition on October 8, 2–4 P. M., where addresses were delivered on Lutheranism in America by the Rev. Theod. E. Schmauk, D.D., and on Lutheran Church Music by Dr. A.

Spaeth. The assembly joined in singing "Nun danket alle Gott" and "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott," and "God bless our native land."

The Convocation closed with a well attended Evening Service at St. John's Church, with an address by Dr. Spaeth on "Church Song."

The members of your Committee are more than ever impressed with the fact, that their work is pre-eminently of an educational character and that they need the good will and co-operation of the General Council in order to reach our people and produce lasting effects. To this end it is of the highest importance that the papers presented at each Convocation, being based on a careful and thorough study of the subject, should not be confined to the comparatively few that are able to attend the meetings, but should find the widest circulation among our music loving people.

The plan of a summer school for pure Church Music has presented itself to your Committee as possibly the easiest and most practical way to advance the cause committed to our hands, and if the General Council sees fit to endorse this idea its recommendation would be a valuable help towards its realization.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH, Chairman.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the literature published by this Committee be commended to our people and that they be encouraged to secure it.

Resolved, That the General Council approves of a Summer School of Music, and hopes that the idea may be realized.

The Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, Chairman, presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING JEWISH MISSION WORK.

Your Committee respectfully submits that on consultation with brethren who understood the conditions affecting Jewish Mission Work, now conducted by different Lutheran bodies in this country, the several members who could readily come together concluded that the general work would not

likely be promoted by a meeting of your Committee at an early date. Invitations were then sent to its several members to be present at a Jewish Missionary Conference, held in Chicago, May 7th and 8th, 1901, in the hope that in this way a meeting might be had.

The Conference was held; a goodly attendance of men interested in Jewish work was secured; substantial papers upon assigned topics were read and discussed, which papers are now published, and steps were taken to hold another Conference in the near future.

The New York Ministerium had designated the Rev. G. A. Bierdemann, D.D., as its representative to the proposed Conference.

The Pittsburgh Synod commends the Mission to its churches, as does the Chicago Synod, whilst the Augustana Synod most efficiently aids by the offerings of its people in sustaining the work at Chicago; the United Norwegian churches also sending substantial offerings.

The Missionary, Rev. E. N. Heiman, 1311 Waveland Avenue, Chicago, has after due instruction baptized and confirmed a number of Jewish adults, and by preaching, and house to house visitations, is quietly doing a work upon which God's blessing manifestly has rested.

Your Committee would again call the attention of pastors and people to the rapid growth of the Jewish population in the United States, at the same time requesting that earnest prayers be offered for the evangelization of God's ancient people, and whenever possible offerings be sent in accordance with synodical regulations to the Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., Treasurer of the Chicago Jewish Mission, 2823 Princeton Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

H. W. Roth,
C. A. Evald.

The report was adopted, ordered to be entered on the minutes and the Committee continued.

The Rev. Dr. Roth also read the following report which was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

REPORT OF JEWISH MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

To the General Council of Lutherans in convention assembled at Lima, Ohio. Grace and peace.

As the English Secretary of the Conference in behalf of Jewish Missions, held in Chicago, May the 7th and 8th, this year, I desire to submit to your kind consideration the following resolution adopted by said Conference:

The Evangelical Lutheran Conference on Missions to the Jews, assembled in Chicago, May 7th and 8th, 1901, hereby respectfully calls the attention of your honorable body to the crying need of missionary work among the people of Israel in the United States. With a communicant membership of one and a half million in this country, the great Church of the Reformation has only three officially appointed Missionaries among the Jews, viz: Rev. Gjevre, in Brooklyn, supported by the United Norwegian Synod; Prof. E. N. Heiman, of Chicago, supported by the Iowa Synod and private individuals of the Swedish Augustana Synod, and Rev. N. Friedmann, of New York City, supported by the Missouri Synod.

There are in the United States one million Jews; in Greater New York, 250,000, and in Chicago alone 75,000. This conference petitions your honorable body to consider what may be done by you as a Council towards the evangelization of this ancient and outcast people of God.

J. N. BRANDELLE, Secretary.
725 N. Waller Ave., Austin Station, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 4th, 1901.

The Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz presented items of business referred to the Council by the Ministerium as follows:

MATTERS REFERRED TO GENERAL COUNCIL BY MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The delegates of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania are instructed to lay the following items before the Convention of the General Council:

1. With reference to the many different editions of Luther's Small Catechism now in use within the congregations the delegates are instructed to request the General Body to take action with a view of securing greater uniformity in the use of the Catechism (See Engl. Min., 1901, p. 50 and 51).

2. The delegates were instructed to endeaver to secure the publication of the "Little Children's Book" without music (Engl. Min., 1901, p. 55).

3. The delegates were instructed to lay the question of the publication of Home and Foreign Missionary Tracts for free distribution among our people before the General Council (Engl. Min., 1901, p. 55).

4. The Ministerium took no action with reference to the Theses "On the Relation of the General Council to the Luther League" (Engl. Min., 1900, page 61, and Engl. Min., 1901, pages 54 and 55).

5. With reference to the proposed Missionary Conference (General Council Minutes, 1899, p. 65) the Ministerium took the following action:

Resolved, That this Ministerium is not prepared to enter into such a Conference, believing that the Synods themselves should act in the matter (Engl. Min. of Min., 1900, p. 61).

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERIUM
in behalf of the Delegation.

The report was received, ordered to be spread on the minutes and the following action taken:

The item with reference to the Catechism was referred to the Church Book Committee.

The item with reference to the Little Children's Book was referred to the Publication Board.

The item with reference to Tracts was referred to the Boards of Foreign and Home Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Geo. C. F. Haas presented the following:

MEMORANDUM OF MATTERS IN MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS REFERRED TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

With respect to matters to be laid before the General Council by the District Synods the following is found in the several Abstracts and Minutes:

Dr. Norelius in referring to the relation of the State Church of Sweden to the Swedish portion of our Church in Ameria, says: "Those who want to know the exact standpoint of the Swedish State Church, in regard to her relation to the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod in North America, and to the question of the Episcopate, should not neglect to propound the question to Bishop von Scheele, while he is here among us."

In the minutes of the District Synod of Ohio, held last June, is the following:

WHEREAS, There is a growing demand on the part of many of our congregations for an improved service book with music, and

WHEREAS, The General Council has appointed a committee to join with other committees of English Speaking Lutheran Bodies to prepare a common hymn book after the order of the common service,

Resolved, That the members of the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio rejoice to hear that such an important work has been undertaken and they do hereby request their delegates to the next Convention of the General Council to use their endeavors in encouraging and furthering the preparation of such a book.

The Synod of the Northwest adopted the following with respect to the Luther League, after discussing the theses referred to the Synod by the General Council:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its approval of the general scope of the Luther League, and its pleasure in witnessing the renewed interest it has aroused, especially among our young people, in the work and welfare of the Church, and in the study of its literature, as recommended in the Luther League Reading Courses.

The New York Ministerium instructed its delegation to request the General Council, if possible, to provide for the preparation and publication of a book of Churchly Anthems for the use of choirs. Furthermore, the delegation was instructed to convey to the General Council a desire on the part of the Ministerium to have an edition of the Kirchenbuch without the ministerial acts, as also a desire to call attention to improvement in the paper and binding of the book.

As an additional item the delegation was instructed to request the General Council to accord it a greater representation on its Boards and Committees, this in order to assure a greater interest in the work of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. F. HAAS,
G. H. TRABERT.

The report was received, considered item by item and the following action taken:

The item referring to the Luther League was laid on the table.

The item with reference to "the preparation and publication of a book of churchly anthems for the use of choirs" was referred to the Committee on Church Music.

The request for an edition of the "Kirchenbuch" without Ministerial Acts was considered and the following action taken:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Council that it would be unwise to publish the Church Book English or German without the Ministerial Acts.

The item with reference to the binding was referred to the Publication Board.

The following abstracts of the Minutes of District Synods, as prepared by the presidents of the respective synods, were received and ordered to be entered on the minutes of this body:

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

I. THE MINISTERIUM OF PENN'A AND ADJACENT STATES.

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held in the last two years a special Convention in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Jan. 2–4, 1900, its 153d Annual Convention in St. John's (German) Church, Philadelphia, June 7–13 1900, and its 154th Annual Convention in St. Michael's Church, Allentown, Pa., May 30–June 5, 1901

At the special meeting Theses on the Ministry of the Gospel, By-Laws for Congregations, Relation of Conferences to the Ministerium and a number of practical questions touching the work of the Ministerium claimed the attention of the body.

Since the last Convention of the General Council 19 members of the Ministerium departed this life, 19 were honorably dismissed to other Synods and 2 withdrew, 11 were received from other Lutheran Bodies and 39 were ordained to the office of the Ministry.

The Ministerium has now on its roll 357 Ministers, 513 congregations and 129,308 confirmed members. Its accessions during the last year number 10,c84 and its losses 5056. It has 21 Parochial Schools with 33 teachers and 1646 pupils. Its Sunday-Schools number 512, with 8,815 officers and teachers and 88,501 scholars.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Ministerium May 30–June 5, 1901, show that during the synodical year ending May 29, 1901, the contributions of the congregations were as follows: For *Congregational* current expenses, $386,023.82, and Special Objects, $232,880.04—$618,903.86. *Apportioned:* General Beneficence Fund, $23,116.11; Foreign Missions, $8858.05; English Home Missions General Council, $10,345.55; German Home Missions General Council, $1662.20 —$43,981 91. *Non-Apportioned:* Theological Seminary, $328.55, Muhlenberg College, $739.74, Orphans' Homes, $11,474.47, Church Extension, $3433.34—$15,976.10. *Special Offerings;* Jubilee Fund, $60.06, other Charitable Purposes, $19,209.95 Synodical Debt, $1876.54—$21,146.55—$81,104.56. Total Contributions, $700,008.42.

During the same year 28 students were aided in preparing for the Ministry at an expense of $2884.74 and 56 Missions located within the bounds of of the Synod were sustained at an expense of $15,472.78.

The Educational Institutions of the Ministerium continued to prosper and rendered good service in the preparation of men for the Ministry and other spheres of benefit to their fellowmen.

Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., received additions to its Endowment Fund to the amount of about $5500. Three additional scholarships were endowed and one was presented to the College. Donations were made to the Library, the Biological Laboratory and the Cabinets. During the last scholastic year the number of students in College Classes was larger than in the previous year. In the year 1900–1901 the students in College Classes numbered 117, in the Academic Department 34, total 151. Since the last meeting of the General Council, the desirability as well as the necessity of a new building or buildings for the better housing of the institution engaged the attention of the Board of Trustees. Nothing definite has, however, so

far been determined. Two Ex-Presidents of the College departed this life in 1901: Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, D.D., LL.D., the first President of the College, on March 21, 1901, and Rev. Benjamin Sadtler, D.D., the second President, on April 28, 1901. Both had served faithfully and advanced the prosperity to the College.

The Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., continued its good work. The number of students reported June, 1900, was 79, and in May, 1901, 64. The Seminary was marked by good health, very little interruption by sickness occurred in the case of students or professors. The Faculty reported a high degree of industry and fidelity pervading the entire Institution during the past scholastic year.

The regulation now in force to promote by vote of the Board of Directors the lower to the higher classes on the basis of individual merit and improvement in study has been of good effect. Some valuable donations were made to the Seminary during the past year, but the hope of the Board to secure funds for the erection of the much needed Library Building has not been realized. Seminary Day was observed in September of each year and marked by a large attendance of friends of the Seminary.

The annual Report of the Board of Directors to Synod in 1901 closed thus: "With thankfulness to God for the good Providence with which He has favored this Seminary in the years passed, and for its great efficiency in preparing so large a number of ministers for our church in this country, and praying that it may have like prosperity and success in the future, and that the interest in it and fosterage of it on the part of our people may not be diminished this report is respectfully submitted."

The institutions of Mercy, located within the territory of the Ministerium, have also continued their good work.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm at Germantown, Pa., had, according to the report submitted to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, June 3, 1901, in the Orphans' Home 114 children, and in the Asylum 35 aged people. The Board of Trustees regretted that the Current Expense Fund was upwards of $2500 in debt, and hoped that the knowledge of this fact would be sufficient to enlist greater interest and aid so as speedily to remove this hindrance. On June 29, 1900, Rev. George P. Mueller, the efficient and highly esteemed Superintendent, departed this life. On Oct. 24, Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt was installed as Superintendent and House Father. The choice has proved to be most wise and good.

The new Orphans' Home at Topton, Berks County, Pa., is in a very prosperous condition. In June, 1901, it had the care of 35 orphans. Many new applications for admission were received during the year. The contributions from regular sources during the year amounted to $8,759.45, not including donations of provisions and the cost of coal needed at the Home, which were furnished by members of the Pottsville Conference. Rev. U. P. Heilman, the devoted, efficient and laborious Superintendent departed this life April 10th, 1900. Rev. J. H. Raker was installed as Superintendent, May 15th, 1901, and Mrs. Raker was appointed to be Matron. They had administered the affairs in the Home since October, 1900.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Deaconess Mother-House at Philadelphia, began its report to the Ministerium with these words: "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Then followed a presentation of the urgent need, occasioned by the increased appeals for the services of the Sisters in Hospitals, in Congregations, in Orphans' Homes and in other institutions, as also for private nursing. Only with an increase in the number of Deaconesses can these appeals be favorably answered and the interest of congregations is urgently requested that there may be an increase of laborers. Excellent services were rendered in the Old People's Home, the Children's Hospital, the Girl's School and the Little Children's School, and in the Out Stations, the German Hospital, Philadelphia, the Parish work in Congregations in Philadelphia and New York; the Easton Hospital; in St. John's Home for the Aged and Infirm, in Allegheny, Pa., and St. John's Hospital in the same city. The report closed with "pray and enlist helpers in your congregations."

Since the last meeting of the Ministerium, Mr. John D. Lankenau, the great Benefactor of the German Hospital, and the Founder of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Mother-House of Deaconesses, departed this life Aug. 30th. In his will he made most liberal provisions for the two institutions amounting to and probably to more than $1,200,000, benefitting the institutions with like amounts.

The Ministerium will begin its next Annual Meeting on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, May 22, 1902.

F. J. F. SCHANTZ, President.

II. THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The New York Ministerium held two conventions since the last meeting of the General Council, its 109th from June 21 to 26, 1900, in St. Johannis' Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, pastor, and its 110th from June 13 to 18, 1901, in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. E. Heyd, pastor.

There are now on the roll of the Ministerium 177 ministers serving 171 congregations, of which 143 are officially connected with the Ministerium. The number of communicants is upwards of 56,000. The Sunday-schools number 187 with 3,500 teachers and 38,500 pupils. The number of parochial schools is 73, with 107 teachers and 3,820 scholars.

The contributions for synodical purposes during the past year amounted to $10,237.71. The amount raised for all congregational purposes was $375,-894.59; for benevolent and general church purposes, $27,499.63. The Executive Committee gave financial assistance to 14 Missionaries and to 12 students for the ministry.

Wagner College is still under the efficient directorship of the Rev. J. Nicum, D.D. It had an attendance during the past year of 39 students. Its total expenditures were $6,926.53, of which $1,375.94 were direct contributions from the congregations. A change of location of the college to the vicinity of New York City, was under consideration, but no action was taken. The *Lutherishe Herold* continues to appear as the official organ of the Synod.

The Missionary activity of the Synod during the past two years has resulted in the founding of a number of new congregations, many of them English. GEO. C. F. HAAS, President.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The Pittsburgh Synod held two conventions since its last report to the General Council. The first at Ligonier, Pa., from June 13 to 19, 1900, and the second at Greensburg, Pa., June 4 to 10, 1901. The present officers are: President, Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. D. M. Kemerer; German Secretary, Rev. Paul Kummer; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller, and Missionary Superintendent, Rev. G. S. Seaman.

During these two years four of our ministers were called from their labors on earth to their eternal reward; 17 were dismissed to other Synods, and 21 received. From the Parochial Reports, which are not full, and from other sources the following statistics are derived: Ministers, 144; congregations, 200; communicants, 28,071; infant baptisms, 4028; confirmations, 2730; 1672 received by letter; catechumans, 2356; Sunday-schools, 190; teachers, 1761; scholars, 18,439. The contributions reported are: Synodical Treasury, $19,397.76; Pentecostal special Missionary offerings, $2,305.21; Ministerial Relief, $553.09; Church Extension, $4,074.59; Orphans, $4,418.01; educational institutions, $4,862.13; General Council's Home Missions, $5,991.35; Foreign Missions, $6,725.68; other benevolent purposes, $9,802.16; local expenses, $341,048.18; total, $399,123.99.

The Synod has under its care 30 Mission parishes, embracing 41 congregations, towards whose support, during the period of two years, the sum of $14,915 was appropriated out of the above named contributions. And the number of beneficiary students has averaged 11, who have been aided to the amount of $2900. Nine church edifices have been built and consecrated, and others are in course of construction.

Missionary work is engaging the most earnest consideration and efforts of the Synod, and evidences of the Divine approval and help are very apparent. EDMUND BELFOUR, President.

IV. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The Conventions of this Synod since the last meeting of the General Council have been interesting and important ones. The 44th convention was held at Wapakoneta, Ohio, from June 14th to June 18th, 1900.

Five Ministers from sister Synods were added. Six congregations were received. Of these five were transferred to this body from the Pittsburgh Synod in accordance with the boundary line agreement. We are glad to report this disposition of that body in making the transfer, as there is no reason why all these congregations of the General Council should not be connected with the Synod organized in this territory and doing efficient work for the interests of the General Council.

Nine Missions have received support from the Synod's Treasury during the year at an outlay of almost $900. Eight young men are upon the roll of the Education Committee and are pursuing studies at different stages of the course with a view of entering the ministry.

The statistics of the Synod reveal the following:

Communicants	10,468
Baptisms	525
Confirmations	386
Accessions from other Congregations	245
Losses by Death	143
Losses by Transfer and Removal	157
Church Societies Reporting	59
Number of Sunday-Schools Reporting	52
Number of Church Societies	1882
Number of Sunday-School Scholars and Teachers	6194
Church Societies Contributed for all objects	$5530.19
Sunday-Schools Contributed for all objects	$4307.75

The theses on Marriage and Divorce were referred to the several Conferences for discussion. The Synod was never more harmonious and a new zeal has been quickened in all the departments of the Church's work.

The 45th Convention was held in the new parish of the Synod, near Bakersville, Ohio, from the 6th of June to the 9th of June, 1901. There was the withdrawal of one congregation, the dismission of another and three ministers were received from other bodies and one young man ordained.

One of the encouraging features reported was the large number of congregations which had improved their church edifices during the year.

The Synod was gratified and rejoiced to have reported that two legacies had been made to Synod. One was the devising of property for the benefit of the Disabled Pastors' Fund. The other was for the purpose of carrying on our educational work of preparing young men for the Ministry of the Church. Whilst these properties are not immediately available, yet the legal forms are such as to make no question as to the ultimate result.

During the year a Woman's Synodical Missionary Society was organized. This occurred at Lima, Ohio, on the 29th of May, 1901. The officers of the society are: *President*—Mrs. Rev. E. M. Potts, Middlepoint, Ohio; *Secretary*—Miss Rebecca Reedy, Miamisburg, Ohio; *Treasurer*—Mrs. Fred. H. Kiel, Toledo, Ohio. This society promises to be an important factor in developing the benevolence of Synod.

The statistics for the year, several congregations failing to report, are as follows:

Communicants	10,783
Baptisms	580
Confirmations	448
Accessions from other Congregations and Restorations	419
Losses by Death	138
Losses by Transfer and Removals	240
Church Societies Reporting	59
Number of Sunday-Schools Reporting	55
Number of Members of Church Societies	1793
Number of Sunday-School Scholars and Teachers	6780
Church Societies Contributed for all objects	$4242.14
Sunday-Schools Contributed for all objects	$3401.75

The Missions sustained by contributions from Synod's Treasury have been ten at an expense of $1312.50. There has been expended in the work of education $670. It must be remembered that our statistics are imperfect, as it seems almost impossible for all the pastors to report in time for publication in the Minutes.

The General Council meeting upon our territory will be able to see and understand the worth of our Missionary operations in the church edifice and the active St. Paul's congregation, of Lima, Ohio. This is one of the outgrowths of our Mission work. There are other centres of population in the great State of Ohio, which are open for active work. Our lack lies in the great want of money and men. Our work in Missions and Education is enlarging year by year and by the grace and help of God the waste places in Zion will be occupied.

The next Convention of the Synod will be held in the First English Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, on the Thursday after Trinity, 1902.

F. RICHARDS, President.

V. THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Two Conventions have been held since the last meeting of the General Council, one at Burlington, Iowa, June 15th to 19th, 1900, and the other at Jamestown, N. Y., June 13th to 18th, 1901.

The Officers of the Synod are Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., President; Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., Vice President; Rev. Theodore Kjellgren, Secretary, and Mr. C. G. Thulin, Moline, Ill., Treasurer. During the two years 37 candidates have been ordained to the Holy Ministry; removed to Sweden and received into the State Church, 10; died, 12; present number of ordained Ministers, 469; present number of congregations; 921; communicants, 121,446; whole number of baptized members, 201,000; congregations having Parochial Schools, 384. Sunday-Schools: number of teachers, 6568; scholars, 53,048. Contributions: Synodical Home Missions during 2 years, $7634.63; Conference Home Missions, 2 years, $52,900.36; total Home Missions within the Synod for 2 years, $83,961.52, to Foreign Missions, 2 years, $30,567.29; for educational purposes, $79,004.69; total for all objects, $1,868,-128.38.

During the last two years a lively interest has been awakened in Sweden in the educational work of the Augustana Synod. Most of the Bishops and many other prominent men have undertaken to gather a fund of 100,000 crowns for a professorship in the Augustana College at Rock Island.

Synod resolved at its last Convention to invite the well-known Bishop v. Scheele to make another visit to America and deliver a number of lectures in our colleges and in some of the congregations, in order to help us to advance our educational work and the interests of the Synod. He has accepted the invitation, and is already among us. Synod also empowered its President to make inquiries of the Bishop and Chapter of the Diocese of Gothenburg whether or not they had given any commission or encouragement to the Rev. Floden to go to America and work in opposition to the Augustana Synod and in favor of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Such inquiries have now been made and the answer has been given by

the Bishop and the Chapter that no such commission or encouragement has been given to Rev. Floden. On the other hand, they repeat their well known opposition in the strongest terms against all such proselytism. Those who want to know the exact standpoint of the Swedish State Church in regard to her relation to the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod in North America and to the question of the Episcopate should not neglect to propound the question to Bishop v. Scheele while he is here among us.

A new President of the Augustana College and Theological Seminary was at the last Convention elected in the person of G. Andreen, Ph.D., of Yale, and an additional Professor in the Theological Seminary at Rock Island in the person of Dr. S. G. Youngert.

In some parts of the Synod there has been a movement for the establishment of a separate Foreign Mission in China, but the Synod as such passed a warm recommendation of our Mission in India and called upon young pastors and theological students to offer themselves in its service. The next meeting of Synod will commence the 12th day of June, 1902, at such place as shall be determined by the President and Vice President.

E. NORELIUS, President.

VI. THE CANADA SYNOD.

Two Conventions of this body have been held since the last meeting of the General Council. The 40th convention was held in Normandy, Ont., June 14–18, 1900, and the other in Toronto, Ont., which was the 41st convention of the Synod. The attendance at the former was 37 pastors and 22 delegates; at the latter 35 pastors and 19 delegates. Three ministers were added to the Synod's roll by ordination, one of them being sent to India by our General Council Foreign Mission Board, and the others have become pastors of congregations.

During the two years one congregation and one mission were sustained.

The parochial reports of 1900 present the following statistics: 42 ministers, 87 congregations with a communicant membership of 11,700, of whom 3900 are entitled to vote. 20,500 is the total membership of souls. During the past two years 1360 infants and adults were baptized, and 1257 persons confirmed. There are 77 Sunday-schools in the Synod with 625 teachers and officers and 5200 scholars; 41 Saturday or parochial schools with 1150 children held by the respective pastors. Five pastors were received into the Synod.

Five new churches were built and dedicated; ten missions supported with $4020 in the two years. The following amounts were received: Home Missions, $4462.01; for Foreign Missions of the General Council, $2270.15; for support of invalid ministers, $637.79; orphans' work, $396.97; local objects, $62,071.64; other benevolent objects, $1988.92.

The next meeting of the Synod will be held in the Evan. Luth. St. Paul's Church at Morrisburg, Ont., Rev. J. C. F. Rupp. The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Neudoerffer, Neustadt, Ont.; Vice President, Rev. J. Langholz, Philipsburg, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. J. Goos, Elmwood, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. E. Schnelke, Zurich, Ont.

E. NEUDOERFFER, President.

VII. THE CHICAGO SYNOD.

Since the last Convention of the General Council, the Chicago Synod has held two Conventions, that of 1900 in Hicksville, Ohio, and that of 1901 in St. Paul's Church near Tiosa, Indiana. Both Conventions were marked by deep interest in the welfare of the Church and her work at home and abroad.

During the biennium this Synod has received eleven pastors, three from other Synods and eight by ordination, graduates from the Chicago Seminary. The losses during the same period were one by death, one by withdrawal and five by regular dismissal, leaving a net gain in our clerical ranks of four.

The present membership is composed of thirty-two pastors, forty-eight congregations, forming thirty parishes, three of which are vacant. The present communicant membership is 4083, a gain of 201, during the biennium. There are reported thirty-nine Sunday-schools with 439 teachers, 3801 pupils, and an income of $2858.42. The total benevolence reported for the two years is $6837.95, a gain of $3010.20 over the preceding biennium. The several amounts were for Home Missions, $2017.09; Foreign Missions, $477.82; education, $497.93; synodical expenses, $228.82; ministerial relief, $246.12; church extension, $272.97; orphans, $231; educational institution, $1858, and for local benevolence, $1005.03.

Four students preparing for the ministry are aided by the Synod. During the biennium four congregations have been organized, one parochial school opened and two new churches dedicated.

The Synod is actively engaged in mission work within its bounds, as this is the only hope for its growth. Its field is rich in material and opportunities. Its constituency a few years ago was largely rural, but is rapidly becoming urban, hence, the necessity of prosecuting work in the cities. During the last year nine missions have been aided, all in important centers.

The officers are Rev. M. L. Wagner, President; Rev. W. J. Finck, Secretary, and Rev. I. Whitman, Treasurer. Rev. A. C. Anda, of Goshen, Ind., is the Missionary Director.

The next Convention will be held June 4, 1902, in the Immanuel Church, near Nappanee, Indiana.

M. L. WAGNER, President.

VIII. THE ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, held its tenth convention in St. Luke's Church, Goodhue, Minn., and its eleventh in the new Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn. Instead of a doctrinal discussion the Synod discussed the Theses on the Luther League referred to the Synods by the General Council, and at its last convention adopted the following:

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its approval of the general scope of the Luther League and its pleasure in witnessing the renewed interest it has aroused, especially among our young people, in the work and welfare of the Church and in the study of its literature, as recommended in the Luther League's Reading Courses.

A Sunday-School Convention was held in connection with both meetings of Synod.

During the two years ten ministers were received and two dismissed to another Synod. Of those received, three, all graduates of the Chicago Theological Seminary, were ordained by the Synod. Four congregations were organized and united with the Synod. The increase in these two years has been as follows:

	1899	1901
Congregations	17	21
Communicants	1,888	2,304
Sunday-Schools	18	26
Officers and Teachers	189	297
Scholars	1870	2,679
Benevolent Contributions	$809.58	$1,090.05
Congregational Expenses	$16,403.08	$23,784.85

By this it will be seen that the communicant membership increased over 43 per cent. and the benevolent contributions over 34 per cent., while the amount contributed for congregational expenses increased 45 per cent. Through a number of its congregations the Synod contributes annually to the support of the Orphans' Home at Vasa, Minn., belonging to the Augustana Synod.

It is of special interest to note the advancement of English Lutheranism in the State of Wisconsin. In 1899 we had but three congregations in that State, two of which had just been organized, now there are six, with great promise for the future.

During the biennium one new church was built, the Memorial Church, St. Paul. This is the third building in which the second oldest English congregation in the Northwest worships. It is a beautiful, churchly structure of brick, and a worthy ornament of English Lutheranism in the capital of Minnesota. Salem Church, Minneapolis, was entirely renovated and refurnished. The Sunday-school having outgrown the building, an addition was added, making room for one hundred more scholars. The entire mortgage debt of $4390 was paid.

Hitherto the Synod had no Home Mission Fund, but at the last meeting a resolution was adopted looking to the establishing of such a synodical fund so as to enable the Synod to carry on such work where it is most necessary and can not be provided for by the General Council's English Home Mission Board.

The Synod authorized the organization of a Western Conference consisting of the pastors and parishes west of the Missouri river. After that action was taken it was learned that the Board of English Home Missions had authorized the organization of a Synod. This has been acceded to by the Executive Committee. The Synod also authorized the organization of an Eastern Mission Conference consisting of the parishes of Southeastern Wisconsin.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the last Convention was the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Synod. The first meeting of the body was held in the old Memorial Church, St. Paul,

and the last one, beginning the second decade in its history, in the new. Appropriate services commemorative of this event were held and it was resolved to publish an illustrated history of the Synod from its inception to the close of the first decade. Comparing then with now, we see how amazingly the work has grown in spite of great difficulties. The feeble body numbering 7 pastors, 6 congregations and 343 communicants has outstripped in numerical strength a number of Synods more than three or even four times as old.

The next meeting of the Synod will be held in Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn., beginning June 4, 1902.

GEO. H. TRABERT, President.

IX. THE GERMAN SYNOD OF MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

This Synod met in St. John's Church at Edenwald, Assa., in the beginning of July, 1900. Five sessions were held from Thursday until Saturday. There were present six pastors and two lay-delegates. Pastor F. Beer continued the reading of his paper on Justification by Faith and delivered an address on the justification of the individual Christian by faith produced by the means of grace.

Two pastoral changes took place at the time of the meeting. A candidate for the ministry was examined and ordained. A parish which for years had been without a pastor, had again a minister, but at the time of Synod the latter had gone abroad on a visit. The church at Edenwald was suffering from a lamentable split which had been brought about partly by the interference of the Missourian pastor, Mr. Herrmann. Some new churches were built and consecrated. A congregation newly organized waited for the arrival of a pastor to be called and sent by the General Council.

This Synod met again July 31 to August 3, 1901. It convened in Trinity Church, Winnipeg, Man., and held seven sessions. There were present thirteen pastors and five lay-delegates. The President reported five calls and installations, five church dedications and the consecration of a church cemetery. The application of a large parish for admission was heard with gratification. The President was compelled to make a journey of 1000 miles from Winnipeg to Edmonton district in order to settle a dispute between a congregation and its pastor. The result of this official visit was the resignation of the pastor during Synod.

Pastor Ruccius at Synod read a paper on "Christian Education of Our Youth;" Pastor Bredlow had an essay on "Importance and Necessity of Holy Baptism," and Pastor Willing gave his views on "Sabbath or Sunday?"

One point of the deliberations has to be mentioned with special emphasis. Complaints were made about the reduction of the small salaries of our pastors by the Board of German Missions. The way it was done is threatening the existence and prosperity of this Synod. It is to be regretted that our congregations are not very willing to raise more for the support of their pastors; but as matters are, Synod is obliged to request the Board of Missions to continue its support of our work. Synod expressed the reasonable wish, that the Board kindly consult with the officers of this Synod in all financial matters, especially in that affecting the salaries of the pastors.

The Constitution of this Synod, which was in preparation for a number of years, was presented and unanimously adopted. The liberality of the congregations, consisting mostly of poor and hardworking people, is increasing perceptibly.

This Synod numbers 6000–7000 souls, 3000 and more of whom are communicants. Its present ministry consists of 13 pastors, serving 13 congregations and about 40 missions and preaching places. The present officers of Synod are: President, Pastor F. Beer, Winnipeg; Vice President, Pastor M. Ruccius, Neudorf; Secretary, W. Willing, Edenwald; Treasurer, P. M. Bredt, Edenwald.

Finally I regret very much to say, that the dangers spoken of at last Synod already begin to realize. Not only did one pastor resign during Synod, but two others resigned since then for the reasons hinted at. There is apparent nearly everywhere a feeling of disappointment and dissatisfaction, to the delight of the sects of the Reformed, and of the Missouri Lutherans.

F. BEER, President.

X. THE PACIFIC SYNOD.

On September 25th, the clerical and lay delegates representing the German and English General Council Missions on the West Coast, assembled in St. James' Church, Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of organizing a Synod in accordance with the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council.

A preliminary convention was organized and the prospective union of German and English Conferences fully discussed. The members of the Oregon Synod were received as a body with the privilege of continuing their Synodical name and organization as a Conference, with a revised and limited constitution. The convention then considered and adopted a Synodical constitution, after which a formal organization was effected under the name of "The Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church." Rev. J. A. Leas was unanimously elected President; Rev. E. Meyer, Oregon City, Oregon, Recording Secretary; Rev. Wm. Brenner, The Dalles, Oregon, Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. F. Erickson, Seattle, Washington, Treasurer. The constitution and principles of Faith and Church Polity of the General Council were duly ratified and a resolution passed to apply for admission as a Synod into that body.

J. A. LEAS, President.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED DANISH CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. E. Belfour presented the following, which was adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the General Council of the Ev. Lutheran Church in North America:

Owing to a miscarriage of letters I did not receive the necessary information of the time and place of the meeting of this body of our Danish brethren, and therefore failed to meet them. I regret this very much on account of not performing the duty involved in my appointment and on my own behalf as I felt a very strong desire to meet my countrymen in their Synodical Convention, and learn more fully their estate and labors in the Lord.

EDMUND BELFOUR.

The Rev. Dr. J. Nicum, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Statistics, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. For Report, see General Council Directory on subsequent pages.

The Rev. Dr. Nicum also presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE "LOS VON ROME" MOVEMENT.

The General Council at its last meeting recommended the support of the "Los von Rome" (Away from Rome) movement in Austria and designated the undersigned to receive contributions for this purpose and forward them to the proper address. He hereby acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts, viz: From Rev. Martin Ruccius, Edenwald, Assa, $9.30; from St. John's Church, Rochester, N. Y., $13.65; from Rev. Julius Keerl, Haysville, Ind., $31.35; total, $54.25. This money was sent to Prof. Luthardt in Leipzig, then editor of the *Allgemeine Ev.-Luth. Kirchenzeitung*. The publishers of this paper acknowledged the receipt of the money in the *Kirchenzeitung* and forwarded the same as designated.

It is to be regretted that the amount was not larger, as the movement is eminently worthy of the support of all evangelical Christians, especially of Lutherans. The reason why a larger amount has not been contributed is not that we lack interest in the struggle or love for the thousands who are breaking away from the darkness of Romish superstition, but that we are overwhelmed with work which in a special sense is our own. More than 20,000 Roman Catholics have left the Church of Rome since the movement began in 1898, and up to the close of last year. One-half of these had during that time united with Lutheran churches, a comparatively small number with churches of the Helvetic confession. Thousands have been added to the membership of the Lutheran church since the beginning of the present year. May the Lord continue to bless this work which has brought the light of the Gospel to so many who have been sitting in darkness.

Respectfully submitted, J. NICUM.

The Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, in the absence of the Rev. Dr. S. Laird, read the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE TENTH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EVAN. LUTH. CHURCH,

Held at Lund, Sweden, Sept. 3-5, 1901.

The delegate to the above mentioned Conference has the honor to report that, having been appointed by the President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in North America, as its representative, he at-

tended the meeting of the Conference on the 4th and 5th of September, having been delayed by a storm on the North Sea in the passage from London, so that he did not arrive at Lund until late on the evening of Sept. 3, and was thus prevented from attending the preliminary sessions held in the afternoon and evening of that day. He very greatly regrets having been deprived of the co-operation and services of the Rev. W. A. Passavant, whose very unexpected and greatly lamented death, prevented his attendance at Lund and performing his duties as a delegate to the Conference under his appointment by the President of the General Council. Your representative is, however, happy to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered him by the Rev. Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, the delegate of the Augustana Synod to the Conference.

About fifteen hundred persons were present at this Tenth General Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, coming from Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finnland, Russia, England, France and North America. It was formally opened at 9 o'clock A. M. Sept. 4th, by a service held in the "Domchurch" with a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Ekman, Archbishop of Sweden, and closed by a Vesper Service in the same church, held on Thursday evening, Sept. 5th. Between these two services the time was quite filled by general and special sessions, at which papers previously prepared were read and discussed. They related to faith, especially as it regards the Christian life and to practice, and to church works. Considerable attention was given to the subjects of Foreign and Inner Missions, Seaman's Missions and the Deaconess work. Also to the present Evangelical awakening in Austria, and the movement among the Jews. The tone and spirit of the Conference was distinctly evangelical. Any utterances of a different character were received with marked disfavor. One paper of a rationalistic tendency was condemned and rebuked in the strongest terms in the discussion which followed it, and great interest was displayed in all the different subjects presented during the entire time of the convention.

A hearty and cordial reception was tendered your delegate by all persons whom he met, especially by Count Vitzthum, of Dresden, the President of the Conference, and Bishop von Scheele, its Vice President. He was urgently requested to address the Board of Directors at their meeting on Thursday evening, and embraced the opportunity to say a few words in reference to the General Council and the work it is performing and the position it occupies in North America, and to convey its greeting to the Conference. In his kindly response Count Vitzthum referred to the fact that the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, from the Council, had appeared at the General Conference, held at Hamburg, Germany, several years ago, and recalled the warm words which were spoken by him on that occasion. He also publicly charged your delegate to convey the greetings of the General Conference to the General Council, and to return thanks that it had sent a representative to Lund. Undoubtedly this meeting was productive of good, and it is well for us in America to keep in touch with such a general body, composed as it is, of men who are actively engaged in the educational, pastoral and charitable work of the Church in such widely extended parts of the Lutheran world.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAIRD, Delegate.

HAMBURG, Germany, Sept. 21, 1901.

In this connection the following action was taken. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Seiss:

Resolved, That an order on the Treasurer be granted for the amount ($40) necessary to reimburse the Rev. Dr. Laird for expenses incurred in attending the General Conference at Lund.

On motion of the Rev. J. A. W. Haas,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on our relation to the Lutheran General Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., to the German Iowa Synod. The Rev. Dr. Geo. C. F. Haas, alternate.

The Rev. Stephen A. Repass, D.D., to the General Synod. The Rev. Edward E. Sibole, D.D., alternate.

The Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., to the United Synod in the South. The Rev. G. W. Spiggle, alternate.

The Rev. A. Bergin to the Icelandic Synod. The Rev. Dr. C. J. Petri, alternate.

The Rev. Edmund Belfour, D.D., to the United Danish Church. The Rev. Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, alternate.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Council are hereby extended to the Pastor and Congregation of St. Paul's Church, who have so kindly entertained the members of this body during this convention, and to all the citizens of this city who have joined them in making this week so pleasant.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the Press for the excellent reports of our proceedings and services.

THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The various committees, as found in the List of Committees, on subsequent pages, were arranged and elected by the Council.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Two invitations were received for the entertainment of the General Council during its next convention: the one from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, the Rev. G. U. Preuss, pastor; the other from the First English Lutheran Church, Butler, Pa., the Rev. S. M. Mountz, pastor.

The former invitation was accepted. Accordingly, the Twenty-Ninth Convention of the General Council will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, beginning on the second Thursday in October, 1903.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert offered the following:

Resolved, That in all future editions of the English publications of the General Council, in which Luther's Small Catechism appears, including the publications of the Sunday-School Committee, the standard text adopted at the convention of the General Council at Chicago, be inserted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth,

Resolved, That the consideration of this resolution be deferred until the next convention of the General Council.

MINUTES.

By resolution, the Secretaries were instructed to have 3000 copies of the English and 1500 copies of the German Minutes printed.

DISCUSSION.

Resolved, That we recommend to the next convention of the General Council the setting apart of Friday morning for the discussion of the Theses on "Marriage in its Relations to Divorce."

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The first convention of the General Council in the new century adjourned at 6 P. M., the members uniting in singing two stanzas of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God," and the President closing the convention according to the Order for Closing Synods.

S. E. OCHSENFORD,
English Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

Thursday Morning.—Opening Service.

Confessional Service in the Sunday-School Room, conducted by the Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier and the Rev. Dr. M. C. Ranseen.

The morning service in the auditorium, conducted by the Rev. W. K. Frick and President Ranseen. Sermon by President Ranseen, Text 1 Corinthians, 12:4-13—"Diversity and Unity in the Church."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening.—Home Missions.

The Liturgical Service was conducted by the Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.

Addresses by the Rev. Prof. Carl E. Lindberg, D.D., Dean of the Theological Faculty, Rock Island, Ill., on "Swedish Home Missions;" the Rev. John A. W. Kirsch, pastor of St. John's German Church, Buffalo, N. Y., on "German Home Missions," and on "English Home Missions," prepared by the Rev. George W. Sandt, Managing Editor of *The Lutheran*, and in his absence read by the Rev. Wm. K. Frick, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.

Friday Evening.—Foreign Missions.

The Liturgical Service was conducted by the Rev. Andrew S. Fichthorn, Norristown, Pa.

Addresses by the Rev. R. Arps, Missionary in India, on "The General Council Mission in India;" by the Rev. Frederick P. Mayser, pastor of Zion German Church, Lancaster, Pa., on "The Great Commission," and by the Rev. Peter Peterson, pastor of the First Swedish Church, Galesburg, Ill., on "The Principle of Self-Sacrifice in Mission Work."

Sunday Morning.—Sunday-School.

The service was conducted by Hon. I. S. Motter, Superintendent.

Addresses by the Rev. Franklin J. F. Schantz, D.D., Myerstown, Pa.; William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa., and the Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D. D., of the Wartburg Orphans' Home, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Sunday Morning—Divine Service.

The Liturgical Service was conducted by the Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D., New York City; the Rev. Herman A. W. Yung, Seattle, Wash.

Sermon by the Rev. Joseph A. Siess, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., pastor of the Church of Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa., on Ephesians 5:25-27.

Sunday Evening.—Luther League.

Addresses by the Rev. Charles L. Fry, pastor of St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph B. Oakleaf, Esq., Moline, Ill.; the Rev. George H. Schmer, Jr., of Chillicothe, Ohio, and the Rev. Wm. K. Frick, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.

Sunday Evening.—Vesper Service.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.

Addresses by the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Pastor of Salem Church, Lebanon, Pa., on "Our Sunday-School Literature;" by the Rev. George H. Gerberding, Professor of Practical Theology in the Chicago Theological Seminary, on "Our Ungathered Lutherans;" by the Rev. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, on "Lutheran Church Music;" by the Rev. Alfred Ramsey. Pastor of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on "Lutheran Young People's Societies;" and by the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., Pastor of the First Church, Pittsburg, on "Lutheran Loyalty to God's Word."

Monday Evening.—Works of Mercy, and Education.

The Vesper Service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Sibole, Buffalo, N.Y.

Addresses by the Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., Acting Director of the Association of Protestant Deaconesses, Greenville, Pa., on "Works of Mercy;" by the Rev. Jeremiah F. Ohl, Mus.D., City Missionary, Philadelphia, Pa., on "Misssonary Work in Cities;" and by Rev. John A. W. Haas, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, New York City, on "Education."

RECEPTION TENDERED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The following is the program for the reception held in the church basement on Saturday, evening, Oct. 12:

Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., toastmaster.

The City's Welcome to the General Council—Judge James L. Price.

The Church's Welcome to General Council—Hon. Isaac S. Motter.

The General Council in the 19th Century—Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.

Address by Wm. H. Staake, Esq.

The General Council in the 20th Century—Mr. Oliver Williams.

Pan-Lutheranism—Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D.

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Our Hosts—Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D. D.

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27	1899	Chicago, Ill	M. C. Ranseen, D.D	Rev. W. K. Frick	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier	W. H. Staake, Esq	9	91	49	140
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1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania....	1748	356	531	..132,839	18	37	..1,600	521	9,158	...86,673	$ 87,281 51
2	Ministerium of New York.....	1773	166	121	... 60,663	28	67	..4,059	168	3,612	... 38,491	28,982 98
3	Pittsburg Synod.....	1845	140	204	... 28,206	.....	.....	.....	197	1,842	... 20,084	25,401 95
4	District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	40	70	... 10,468	.....	.....	.....	52	671	 5,775	4,278 67
5	Augustana Synod.....	1860	454	888	..118,149	440	481	18,987	.....	5,973	... 49,359	110,794 90
6	Canada Synod.....	1861	42	88	... 11,960	41	22	..1,180	78	622	 5,766	5,101 99
7	Chicago Synod.....	1871	28	48	4,002	1	1	.....	39	464	 3,561	2,702 79
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	21	20	2,074	.....	.....	.....	20	204	 2,122	1,435 64
9	Manitoba Synod.....	1897	9	49	2,048	3	6	219	8	18	200	327 00
	Total.....		1256	2,019	370,409	531	614	26,045	1,083	22,564	212,031	$266,307 43

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No....	NAME.	Organ ized.	Minis ters.	Congre-gations.	Communi cant Members.	Paroch'l Schools.	Teach'rs	Pupils.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions for Missions, &c.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania....	1748	357	513	..129,308	21	33	..1,646	512	8,815	... 88,501	$ 81,104 56
2	Ministerium of New York.....	1773	177	143	... 49,550	23	34	..1,657	187	3,327	... 35,041	27,499 63
3	Pittsburg Synod.....	1845	140	207	... 28,071	.....	.....	.....	189	1,738	... 18,157	30,567 85
4	District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	41	67	... 10,738	.....	.....	.....	55	728	 6,052	4,067 67
5	Augustana Synod.....	1860	469	921	..121,446	384	518	20.135	630	.....	... 53,048	124,248 52
6	Canada Synod.....	1861	41	87	... 13,059	41	24	..1,307	75	628	 5,240	5,128 77
7	Chicago Synod.....	1871	32	48	4,083	.....	.....	.....	39	439	 3,801	4,135 16
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	24	21	2,304	.....	.....	.....	26	297	 2,679	1,497 14
9	Manitoba Synod.....	1897	13	49	2,850	9	8	195	20	40	400	220 00
10	Pacific Synod.....	1901	10	12	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
	Total.....		1304	2068	362,409	478	617	24,940	1,733	16,012	212,919	$278,469 30

II. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.—1901.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volum. in Library	No. of Professors.	No. of Students.	No. of Stu. for Min'try
1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D.	$ 75,000	$ 50,000	.....	4	63	.....
2	Chicago	1891	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.	175,000	.....	4,750	5	42	.....
3	Philadelphia	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	200,000	198,000	26,000	7	64	.....
	Total				$450,000	$248,000	30,750	16	169	.....

COLLEGES.

1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D.	$ 200,000	.....	16,000	28	602	50
2	Bethany	1881	Lindsborg, Kan	Rev. C. A. Swensson, Ph.D., D.D.	165,000	.....	6,000	38	721	25
3	Gustavus Adolphus	1862	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph.D.	75,000	.....	9,000	18	351	50
4	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. T. L. Seip, D.D.	100,000	161,000	10,000	12	151	58
5	Thiel	1870	Greenville, Pa.	Rev. T. B. Roth, D.D.	50,000	61,000	8,000	10	151	35
6	Upsala	1893	New Orange, N. J.	Rev. L. H. Bech, Ph.D.	75,000	.....	1,200	6	41	10
7	Wagner	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.	40,000	18,000	1,000	5	35	25
8	Northwestern	1900	Fergus Falls, Minn.	Prof. A. C. Youngdahl	15,000	.....	.....	5	30	.....
	Total				$720,000	$240,000	51,200	142	2082	253

ACADEMIES.

1	Greensburg Seminary	1874	Greensburg, Pa.	Prof. J. C. Hoch, Ph.D.	$ 40,000	.....	500	8	246	12
2	Luther Academy	1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Rev. O. J. Johnson	21,560	.....	1,800	6	107	6
	Total				$61,560	.....	2,300	14	353	18
	Grand Total—13				$1,231 560	$488,000	84,250	172	2604	440

III. CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

No.	NAME.	Found'd	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Value of Endo'ment	No. of Inmates
1	Evangelical Lutheran	1859	Germantown, Phila., Pa.	Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt	$ 130,000	$ 40,000	104
2	Gustavus Adolphus	1883	Jamestown, N. Y.	Mr. J. S. Swensson	43,253	.....	64
3	Home and Farm School	1852	Zelienople, Pa.	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	50,000	.....	91
4	Swedish	1865	Vasa, Minn.	Mr. J. A. Hultgren	20,000	5,000	43
5	Swedish	1868	Andover, Ill	Mr. A. Lincoln	30,000	.....	30
6	Swedish	1880	Cleburne, Kan.	Mr. A. G. Johnson	18,000	.....	36
7	Swedish	1880	Stanton, Ia.	Mr. C. G. Lind	18,250	.....	36
8	Swedish Orph'age and Indus'l School	1892	Joliet, Ill.	Miss Frida Shelander	25,000	.....	72
9	Topton	1896	Topton, Pa	Rev. J. H. Raker	50,000	.....	35
10	Wartburg	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	200,000	.....	210
				Total	$ 584,503	$ 45,000	721

HOMES FOR AGED, ASYLUMS, ETC.

1	Aged, Asylum for	1859	Germantown, Phila., Pa.	Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt	.....	.....	37
2	Aged, Drexel Home for	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	41
3	Aged, Marie Louise Home	1899	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	$ 40,000	.....	10
4	Aged, Lutheran Home for	1896	Buffalo, N. Y.	Miss Luise E. Kaehler	1,500	$ 7,000	20
5	Epileptics, Passavant Memorial	1895	Rochester, Pa.	Sister Caroline	10,000	.....	43
6	Samaritan Shelter	1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. Andreae	15,000	.....	10
				Total	$ 66,500	$ 7,000	161

HOSPITALS.

1	Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. H. O. Lindeblad	$ 140,302	.....	125
2	Bethesda	1880	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	65,000	$ 1,500	850
3	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	30,000	.....	40
4	Milwaukee	1863	Milwaukee, Wis.	Martha Gensicke	250,000	15,000	638
5	Passavant Memorial	1875	Jacksonville, Ill.	Margaret Gulch	100,000	3,000	281
6	Passavant Memorial	1885	Chicago, Ill.	Mrs. O. J. Waters	150,000	11,000	616
7	Passavant Memorial	1849	Pittsburg, Pa.	Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.	70,000	.....	155
				Total	$ 805,302	$ 30,500	2,705

DEACONESS INSTITUTIONS.

No....	NAME.	Found'd	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Value of Endo'ment	No. of Inmates
1	Deaconess Inst., Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	$ 20,000	.....	28
2	Deaconess Inst. of Swedish Ch..	1884	Chicago, Ill	Rev. H. O. Lindeblad..	141,102	.....	200
3	Deaconess Motherhouse	1894	Milwaukee, Wis	Rev. H. W. Roth	.....	.....	28
4	Mary J. Drexel Home	1888	Philadelphia, Pa	Rev. C. Goedel, pastor	600,000	.....	.....
	Children's Hospital	1889	.....	.....	.....	.....	416
	Deaconess Motherhouse	1888	.....	.....	.....	.....	74
	German Hospital	1860	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,199
	Girls' School	1890	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
	Home for Aged	1889	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
	Little Children's School	1893	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
	Parish Work	1890	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
	Total				$761,102	.....	4,101

IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

1	German	1873	New York, N. Y.	Rev. H. Berkemeier	$ 78,000	.....	5,000
2	Swedish	1895	New York, N. Y.	Mr. E. Bingberg	3,000	.....	2,000
3	Swedish	.....	Boston, Mass	Rev. C. F. Johanson	.....	.....	.....
	Total				$81,000	.....	7,000
	Grand Total—30				$2,337,305	$82,500	14,688

SUMMARY.

11 Educational Institutions.—Value of Property,	$1,231,560	Amount Endowment,	$488,000
30 Charitable Institutions.—Value of Property,	2,337,305	Amount Endowment,	82,500
Total—41	$3,568,865		$570,500

7. GENERAL COUNCIL MISSIONS.

I. Supported by the Board of English Home Missions.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S Scholars	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Anderson, Ind	St. John	W. J. Finck	82	103	Ch. and Parsonage.	$ 6,800
Boston, Mass	St. Mark	E. F. Keever	161	55	Church	12,500
Chicago, Ill	St. John	J. R. E. Hunt	100	94	"	6,000
Decatur, Ill	First English	H. Peters	90	107	"	17,500
Duluth, Minn	St. John	D W. Michael	95	137	" and Parsge.	9,000
Fargo, N. Dak	St. Mark	H. K. Gebhart	115	190	" "	3,700
LaCrosse, Wis	Holy Trinity	A. C. Carty	46	146	Lot	1,450
Milwaukee, Wis	Redeemer	W. K. Frick	300	217		19,000
Minneapolis, Minn	Salem	G. H. Trabert, D.D	134	236	Church and Parsge.	7,600
Newark, N. J	Grace	M. S. Waters	140	168	"	13,500
Portland, Ore	St. James	J. A. Leas	73	66	Brick and Parsge	25,800
Racine, Wis	Holy Communion	G. F. Gehr	100	192	Lot	2,300
St. Paul, Minn	St. James	F. E. Jensen	95	126	Church	5,000
St. Paul, Minn	Trinity	C. L. Warstler	75	166	"	3,500
Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. Martens	26	26	Brick and Parsge	13,000
Seattle, Wash	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	54	62	Lot	3,000
Spanish Forks, Utah	Holy Trinity	Vacant	53	17	Church	1,300
Tacoma, Wash	St. John	W. F. Holl	42	36	Frame	2,500
The Dallas, Ore	Zion	Wm. Brenner	70	83	"	4,000
The following have recently become Self-Sustaining.						
Goodhue, Minn	St. Luke	M. E. Boulton	70	75	Church	2,500
Syracuse, N. Y	Redeemer	U. J. Klingensmith	265	288	Church	10,000
Toledo, O	St. Matthew	Vacant	150	250	Church	6,800
Total 22		20 Missionaries	2336	2840		176,750

II. Supported by the Board of German Home Missions.

St. Jose, Cal	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ottenheim, Ky	C. J. Mehrtens	182	.....	Church	.....	
Dresden, North Dakota.	Vacant	62	.....	Church	.....	300
Cleveland, Oregon	5 Congregations	B. Merz	15	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill, Oregon	"	"	15	.....	.....	.....
Macksburg, Oregon	W. J. Roehmer		75	.....	.....	.....
Macksburg, Oregon	A. Schoenberg					
Lents, Oregon	"	"				
Needy, Oregon	"	"	135	.....	Church and Par	.....
New Era, Oregon	"	"				
Medford, Oregon	F. Sack		20	33	.....	.....
Grant's Pass, Oregon	"	"	5	.....	.....	.....
Lake Creek, Oregon	"	"	36	.....	.....	.....
Oregon City, Oregon	E. Meyer		25	22	Frame	2,000
Buxton, Oregon	"	"	15	.....	.....	.....
Fairdale	"	"	17	.....	.....	300
Hawkinson, Oregon	"	"	18	.....	.....	.....
Tualatin, Oregon	"	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edmonton, Alta., Can	H. Hensen		.....	.....	.....	.....
Heinthal, " "	St. John	"	71	.....	Ch. and 40 Acres	300
Leduc, " "		"	5	10	.....	.....
Lutherhort, " "	St. Paul	"	241	.....	40 Acres and Par	500
Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta., Can	A. Lilge		9	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Hills, " "		"	25	.....	40 Acres	.....
Bruderheim, " "		"	20	.....	Ch. and 20 Acres	.....
Stony Plain, " "	G. Runge		.....	.....	.....	.....
Rosenthal " "	Immanuel	"	.....	.....	Church	.....

Supported by Board of German Home Missions.—Continued.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Spruce Grove, Alta., Can.	St. Matthew	G. Runge	.....	.....	40 Acres and Par...	$ 1,100
Witaskiwin, " "	St. John	F. Bredlow	123	.....	Ch. and Cemetery..	500
Bear Hills " "	.....	"	8	.....	.....	.....
Duhamel, " "	.....	"	20	.....	.....	.....
Lacombe, " "	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red Deer Lake, " "	.....	"	55	.....	.....	.....
Edenwald, Assa., Can.	.....	H. Becker	162	15	Church.....	800
Davin " "	.....	"	35	.....	.....	.....
Kronau, " "	.....	"	74	10	.....	.....
Lebret, " "	.....	"	8	.....	.....	.....
Longlaketon " "	.....	"	42	.....	.....	.....
Strassburg, " "	.....	"	28	10	.....	.....
Langenburg " "	St. Paul	O. Mordhorst	95	54	20 Acres and Par...	100
Beresina, " "	.....	"	8	.....	.....	.....
Friedfeld, " "	.....	"	69	.....	.....	.....
Hoffenthal " "	.....	"	10	.....	.....	.....
Neudorf, " "	Zion	W. Willing	378	.....	Church and Par.....	2,400
Grenfell, " "	.....	"	11	.....	.....	.....
Indian Head, " "	.....	"	6	.....	.....	.....
Josephsburg, " "	Grace	"	28	.....	.....	.....
PleasantF'ks " "	Redeemer	"	52	.....	Church.....	600
Wolseley, " "	Christ	"	42	.....	.....	.....
Bathgate, Man., Can.	.....	Vacant	15	.....	.....	.....
Altona, " "	.....	"	20	.....	.....	.....
Friedensthal, " "	.....	"	55	.....	Church.....	800
Overstone, " "	.....	"	10	.....	.....	.....

Rosenau, Man., Can		Vacant		14	.....	.....	.....
Gretna, " "	St. Paul	J. Burgdorf		195	50	Church	1.700
Morris, " "		"		19	.....	.....	.....
N. Deutschland, Man., Can		"		18	15	.....	.....
Rosenfeld, " "		"		57	15	Church	1,000
Tupper, " "		V. Henning		220	.....	Church	1,000
Winnipeg, " "	Holy Trinity	F. Beer		389	90	Church and Par	1,700
Beausejour, " "		"		21	.....	.....	.....
Brokenhead, " "		"		21	.....	.....	.....
Friedensfeld, " "		"		40	.....	Church	700
Niverville, " "		"		14	6	.....	.....
Springfield, " "		"		34	.....	Church	400
Whitemouth, " "		"		33	.....	.....	.....
Rostern, Sask., "	Christ	H. Walbaum		50	.....	Church	1,500
Stony Hill, " "		"		47	.....	.....	.....
Fulda-Wingart, " "	Preaching Station	"		7	.....	.....	.....
Total 74		16 Missionaries		3534	330		17,700

III. SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT SYNODS.

1. Augustana Synod.

Bangor, Me				.....	.....	.....	.....
Brownville, Me		D. A. Anderson		.....	.....	.....	.....
Monson, Me	Zion			40	32	Church Frame	4,000
Portland, Me	Immanuel			73	17	Church Brick	11,000
Keene, N. H				.....	.....	.....	.....
Brattleboro, Vt				53	29	Church Frame	2,500
East Boston, Mass				.....	.....	.....	.....
Fall River, "				.....	.....	.....	.....
Gloucester, "		N. E. Kron		12	.....	.....	.....

Supported by District Synods.—Continued.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars,	Church Property.	Value of Property.
New Bedford, Mass.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockport, "			.....	.....	.....	.....
Woburn, "		N. E. Kron	18	17	Church Frame	$ 8,700
Newport, R. I.	Zion		34	8	Church Frame	5,000
Pawtucket, R. I.	Trinity	O. Lindstrom	36	15	Church Frame	4,000
Centerbrook, Conn.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Danbury, "			.....	.....	.....	.....
Deep River, "	Bethel		34	20	Church Frame	2,505
Norwich, "	Salem	J. A. Broden	127	38	Church Frame	7,000
Torrington, "	Bethany		.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington, "	Trinity		35	.....	Church Frame	3,000
Willimantic, "	Ebenezer		123	48	Church Frame	5,500
Albany, N. Y			.....	.....	.....	.....
Astoria, N. Y	Salem	J. C. Westlund	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cohoes, N. Y			.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornwall, N. Y			.....	.....	.....	.....
Corona, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Depew, N. Y.	Emmans		.....	.....	.....	.....
East New York, N. Y.	Tabor		.....	.....	.....	.....
Flushing, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Island City, N. Y.	Salem	J. C. Westlund	32	28	Church Frame	3,000
Millwood, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Amsterdam, N. Y			.....	.....	.....	.....
Newburgh, N. Y.	Olaus Petri		20	.....	.....	.....
New Rochelle, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasantville, N. Y.	Emanuel		17	.....	Church Frame	2,100

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Schenectady, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
Sing Sing, N. Y.	Zion	J. C. Westlund	18	.....	.....	.....
Troy, N. Y			.....	.....	.....	.....
West Troy. N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
White Plains, N. Y.			.....	.....	.....	.....
East Orange, N. J.	Tabor		65	5	Lot	1,500
Morristown, N. J.			...	...	.....	.....
Newark, N. J.	Emanuel		25	10	.....	.....
Passaic, N. J.	Ansgarii	A. Aaron	69	32	Church Frame	2,750
Patterson, N. J.	Zion	A. Aaron	24	20	.....	.....
Summit, N. J.	Salem		52	...	Church Frame	6,000
Austin, Pa.	Aurora	K. Anderson	20	10	Church Frame	14,000
Costello, "		K. Anderson	...	...	.....	.....
Cross Fork, Pa.	Emanuel	K. Anderson	67	18	Church Frame	1,200
New Castle, "	Zion	E. Stark	27	13	" "	2,000
Oil City, "	Zion	J. F. Lindblom	30	...	.....	.....
Tidionte, "	Salem	J. F. Lindblom	27	...	Church Frame	1,300
Wilmington, Del.		O. M. Anderson	...	...	.....	.....
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olof	O. M. Anderson	...	...	Church Frame	2,600
Washington, D. C.		O. M. Anderson	. .	...	.....	.....
DeLand, Fla.			...	...	.....	.....
Forest City, Fla.			...	...	.....	.....
Pierson, Fla.	Ebenezer		...	...	Ch. and Par. Frame	2,000
Oakland, Fla.			...	...	.....	.....
Oviedo, Fla.			...	...	.....	.....
Upsala, Fla.			...	...	Church Frame	1,600
Fruithurst, Ala.	Emanuel	J. E. Hedberg	18	...	.....	.....
Thorsby, "	Concordia	J. E. Hedberg	45	35	.....	.....

Supported by District Synods.—Continued.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul's		40	.....	Church Frame.....	2,000
Michigan City, Ind.	Zion	D. A. Lofgren	119	57	Ch. and Par. Frame	7,850
Austin, Ill.	Messiah	J. N. Brandelle	90	75	Church Frame.....	3,000
Belvidere, Ill.	Zion	G. A. Ekeberg	93	20	.....	.....
Berwin, Ill.	Augustana	A. Ostrom	51	32	Church Brick.....	4,500
Blue Island, Ill.	Siloa	A. P. Martin	65	40	Church Frame.....	2,500
Cheltenham, Ill.	Tabor		37	103	" "	3,000
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Zion		.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarence, Ill.	Zion	P. Pearson	105	25	Church Frame.....	1,750
Cuyler, Ill.	Salem	S. E. Rydberg	22	49	Lot.....	500
Danville, Ill.		J. A. Benton	60	36	Church Frame.....	1,500
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor	A. P. Martin	14	.....	.....	.....
Hegewisch, Ill.	Lebanon	Theological Student.....	68	70	Church Frame.....	3,600
Highwood, Ill.	Zion	G. K. Stark	37	38	" "	5,500
Jefferson, Ill.	Emmaus	S. E. Rydberg	53	20	" "	1,300
La Grange, Ill.		A. Ostrom	101	62	Church Brick.....	4,500
Macomb, Ill.	Trinity		50	33	Church Frame.....	1,000
Maywood, Ill.		J. N. Brandelle	60	40	" "	4,500
Moreland, Ill.		J. N. Brandelle	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda	J. E. Holzt	75	.....	Church Frame.....	1,200
Prophetstown, Ill.		J. E. Holzt	116	30	Ch. and Par. Frame	4,500
Rankin, Ill.		P. Pearson	100	60	Church Frame.....	1,500
Rockford, Ill.	Emanuel	C. O. Solberg	182	250	Church Brick.....	17,000
Sterling, Ill.	Bethlehem	J. E. Holzt	20	.....	Church Frame.....	2,500
Summerdale, Ill.	Ebenezer	S. E. Rydberg	56	70	" "	3,000
Waukegan, Ill.	Trinity	J. A. Edlund	71	40	" "	5,500

Baraga, Mich		J. T. Olander	.....	.....	.....	.....
Big Rapids, Mich	Immanuel's	A. Lindholm	43	30	Church Frame	1,000
Cheboygan, Mich		J. E. Morton	22	12	Church Frame	650
Colfax, Mich	Augustana	A. Lindholm	48	36	Church Frame	600
Crystal Falls. Mich	Lebanon	J. J. Hoikka	84	60	Church Frame	2,500
Detroit, Mich	Bethlehem	W. Blomquist	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk Rapids, Mich	Bethany		.....	.....	Church Frame	.....
Gladstone, Mich	Ebenezer	E. T. Lindeen	61	86	Church Frame	1,200
Hancock, Mich		J. T. Olander	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron River, Mich	Zion		28	35	Church Frame	1,100
Ironwood, Mich	Salem	N. Gibson	214	225	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,000
Mancelona, Mich	Gustaf Adolf		40	12	Church Frame	400
Merley, Mich	Memorial	A. Lindholm	18	12	Church Frame	1,000
Michigamme, Mich	Bethlehem	F. A. Linder	63	42	Church Frame	1,500
Newberry, Mich	Messiah		83	30	Church Frame	2,000
Oscoda, Mich	Eleazar		.....	.....	Church Frame	1,000
Phillips, Mich	Phillippi	C. A. Rosander	26	40	Church Frame	1,200
Skanee, Mich		C. E. Odell	90	61	Church Frame	2,000
Traverse City, Mich		J. E. Morton	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bayfield, Wis		C. J. Beckman	32	34	Church Frame	1,200
Birch Lake, Wis	Trinity	Theological Student	25	.....	.....	.....
Clayton, Wis	Immanuel	J. Magny	50	35	Church Frame	1,200
Eau Claire, Wis	"	A. A. Jacobson	90	50	Ch. and Par. Frame	5,000
Florence, Wis	Bethlehem	A. T. Fant	13	50	Church Frame	900
Glen Flora, Wis	Saron	C. A. Rosander	21	.....	" "	1,000
Grantsburg, Wis	Salem		23	20	Ch. and Par. Frame	1,700
Hudson, Wis	Zion	A. Bengtson	46	30	Church Frame	1,700
Kenosha, Wis	St. Paul's	G. K. Stark	95	40	Ch. and Par. Frame	7,000
Madison, Wis		D. W. Brandelle	6	.....	.....	.....

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Merrill, Wis		C. J. Maxell	90	40	Church Frame	1,800
Milwaukee, Wis	First	G. K. Stark	26	17	Lot	150
Poplar, Wis	Bethany	P. A. Carlson	42	.....	Church Frame	1,400
Port Wing, Wis		C. J. Beckman	40	25	" "	1,700
Racine, Wis		G. K. Stark	30	25	.....	.....
Rhinelander, Wis		J. W. Johnson	93	35	Church Frame	2,000
Rice Lake, Wis	Immanuel	A. J. Malmquist	55	45	Ch. Frame—Land	1,600
South Superior, Wis	Salem	J. E. Linner	24	25	Lot	700
Steel Plant, Wis			.....	.....	.....	.....
Superior, Wis	Zion	P. A. Carlson	37	35	Church Frame	3,000
Superior, Wis		J. E. Linner	16	.....	" "	2,000
Washburn, Wis	Immanuel	C. J. Beckman	18	41	" "	1,300
West Superior, Wis	Bethlehem	P. A. Carlson	59	.....	" "	3,000
White Stone Hill, Wis			.....	.....	.....	.....
Wonewoc, Wis	Elim	D. W. Brandelle	31	.....	Church Frame	450
Afton, Minn		A. Bengtson	51	30	" "	1,000
Biwabik, Minn			.....	.....	.....	.....
Camden Place, Minn	Salem	J. A. Frost	21	30	Church Frame	1,000
Clarissa, Minn	Immanuel	N. Ohslund	59	.....	" "	1,250
Crookston, Minn	"	A. Sand	31	25	" "	1,000
Detroit, Minn	Trinity	P. P. Hedenstrom	84	.....	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,000
Donnelly, Minn		E. Norsen	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ely, Minn			.....	.....	.....	.....
Eveleth, Minn	Tabor		.....	.....	.....	.....
Fertile, "	St. John's	A. Sand	70	24	Church Frame	800
Forest Lake, Minn		A. F. Almer	137	73	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,000

Grand Forks,	"	Gustaf Adolf	L. E. Sjolinder	65	33	Church Frame	3,000
Hastings,	"		J. Fremling	65	30	Church Frame	1,000
Hermon,	"		A. J. Elmer	89	48	Ch. and Par. Frame	2,500
Hibbing,	"	Immanuel					
Hopkins,	"	Gethsemane	C. O. Olander	61		Church Brick	1,500
Kerkhoven,	"	Varnhem	J. W. Lundgren				
Krogness,	"	Fridhem	J. Franzen	33			
Little Falls,	"	Bethel	M. Martinson	102	50	Church Frame	1,000
McKinley,	"						
Maple Ridge,	"	Siloa	S. L. Wilson	24		Church Frame	700
Merriam Park,	"			22	12	" "	1,200
Milaca,	"	Zion	A. Sundberg	35	10	" "	1,000
Minneapolis,	"	Ebenezer	P. A. Mattson	170	297	" "	4,500
"	"	St. Paul's	E. O. Stone	186	202	" "	5,000
"	"	Zion	C. O. Olander	121	111	Church	5,600
Minneiska,	"			60	40	Church Frame	1,000
Monticello, Minn			J. A. Johanson	17	14	Church Frame	475
Moose Lake, Minn							
Morris, Minn			E. Norsen				
North Minneapolis, Minn		Salem					
Nylunda, Minn			A. J. Elmer	56	27	Church Brick	1,800
Rice Lake, Minn			J. O. Cavallin	91	50	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,250
Scandia Valley, Minn				22	20	Church Frame	900
Shaw, Minn							
Smith Lake, Minn		Immanuel					
Soudan, Minn		Bethel	N. Ohslund	36	60	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,000
Sparta, Minn							
Starbuck, Minn			E. Norsen				
St. Johns, Minn			A. J. Elmer	54	20	Church Frame	600

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
St. Paul, Minn.	Emanuel		64	100	" "	7,600
" "	Bethesda	C. A. Hultkrans	38	29	" "	1,600
Thirteen Towns, Minn.						
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel	N. Ohslund	19	56	Church Frame	1,500
Tracey, ,,	Herlunda	P. E. Fredlund	43	42	Church and Par.	3,000
Two Harbors, Minn.	Immanuel	C. O. Swenson	126		Church Frame	6,700
Valley City, "		L. W. Gullstrom	16	14	" "	3,000
Virginia, "	Mamre	P. O. Hanson	13	40	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,155
West Duluth, Minn.	Elim	C. Swenson	40	68	Church Frame	5,450
Tinc, Minn.						
Bismarck, N. D.			32		Church Frame	800
Bottineau, " "		P. Hedenstrom				
Cheyenne, " "	Augustana	L. E. Gullander	60		Lot	800
Fargo, " "	Elim	J. Franzen	54	55	Ch. and Par. Frame	4,200
Hofva, " "		L. W. Gullstrom	40	18	Church Frame	1,500
Nebo, " "		"	38	14	Ch. and Par. Frame	2,500
Valley City, N. D.		"	16	14	Parsonage	3,000
Wasa, " "	Svea	"	36			
White Stone Hill, N. D.		A. G. Olson	69	32	Church and Par.	1,590
Black Hawk, S. D.	Bethlehem	S. L. Wilson	32	12		
Carthage, " "	Zion	A. Sundberg	35	10	Church Frame	1,000
Central, " "						
Charles Mix Co., S. D.	Fridhem	C. J. Peel	40	22	Church Frame	1,500
Deadwood, S. D.						
Erwin, "	Clara	K. Rosenthal	50	25	Church Frame	1,200
Lead, "	Augustana	S. L. Wilson	68	30		

Platte Valley, S. D.		C. J. Peel	48	15		
Sioux Falls, "		G. E. Lindsten	68	35	Church Frame	1,400
Terraville, "						
Vale, "						
Alberta, Can.	Bethlehem	A. G. Olson				
Battle Lake, Can.	Svea					
Calgary, "						
Fleming, "			29	18		
New Stockholm, Can.			69		Church Log	2,000
Panaka, Can.						
Percival, "	Immanuel		55	18	Church Log	
Rat Portage, Can.	Bethesda		94	47	Church Frame	2,500
Scandinavia, "	Bethlehem	B. O. Berg	67	10	Ch. and Par. Log	1,913
Svea, "						
Wetaskiwin, "	Bethlehem					
Winnipeg, "	Zion	B. O. Berg	132		Church Frame	4,270
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Saron	J. B. Idstrom	35		" "	3,829
Cherokee, Iowa	Bethlehem	C. A. Lindahl	30	7	" "	2,000
Council Bluffs, Iowa	Immanuel	A. A. Magnuson	50	33	Church Brick	6,000
Delaware, Iowa	"	J. B. Idstrom	46	20	Church Frame	1,000
Lincoln, Iowa		A. Road	42	24	" "	1,500
Marcus, Iowa	Carmel		72	30	Ch. and Par. Frame	2,000
Meriden, Iowa	St. Jacobs		21			
Ruthven, Iowa		A. Road				
Spencer, Iowa	Bethesda	"	17	8	Church	1,500
Bucklin, Mo.			75	40	Ch. and Par. Frame	1,200
Carl Junction, Mo.						
St. Joseph, "			37		Ch. and Par. Brick	
St. Louis, "	Gethsemane	C. J. Renhard	76	35	" " " "	5,000

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S, Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Swedesburgh, Mo			34	20	Church Frame	1,000
Verona, "			50	.....	Ch. and Par. Frame	800
Banner Co., Neb	Elim		.....	.....	Church Log	.....
Boyd " "	Messiah	K. J. Bring	41	27	" Frame	500
Boyd " "	Rosendahl	"	30	47	" "	450
Cheyenne Co.,"	Smyrna		20	.....	" "	.....
Dahlsberg, Neb			26	13	Ch. and Par. Frame	1,500
Dawes Co., "	Bethlehem		.....	.....	.....	.....
Deuel " "	Berea	O. A. Johnson	95	20	Church Frame	500
" " "	Siloa	"	20	12	" Stone	275
Franklin Co., Neb	Fridborg		.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont, Neb	Sinai	H. F. H. Hartelius	25	20	Church Frame	2,100
Greeley Co., Neb	Concordia	C. F. Granere	55	22	" "	875
Hartington, Neb	Emanuel	J. E. Erlander	15	.....	" "	2,000
Kimball, Neb	Carmel		.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln, Neb		E. G. Chinlund	125	66	Ch. and Par. Frame	12,000
Newman's Grove, Neb	Zion		51	.....	Church Frame	1,650
Omaha, Neb	Salem	C. E. Elving	80	147	" "	9,000
S. Omaha, Neb		"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swaburg, Neb	Elim	H. F. H. Hartelius	64	.....	Ch. and Par. Frame	4,800
Valparaiso, Neb	Ekedahl	E. G. Chinlund	21	10	.....	.....
Wahoo, Neb	Bethlehem		107	35	Ch. and Par. Frame	6,500
Cheyenne, Wyo		G. Juhlin	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnstown, Kan		P. A. Malm	25	30	.....	.....
Lawrence, Kan		E. Glad	22	.....	Church Frame	2,000
Kansas City, Kan		E. Glad	88	70	" "	3,200

Page Co., Kan	Bethesda	J. Holcomb	44	18	Church and Par	500
Pittsburg, Kan	Lydia		26	20	Church Frame	1,200
Sharon Springs, Kan	Saron	J. Holcomb	18	10	" "	500
Stockholm, Kan	Bethany	J. Holcomb	92	34	" "	1,200
Boulder, Colo	Bethesda	P. Lofgren	50	40	Church Brick	3,000
Colorado Springs, Colo		G. E. Youngdahl	60	26	Church Frame	1,200
Cripple Creek, "						
Golden, "		P. A. Malm	15	21	Church Brick	1,200
Georgetown, "		"	5		Church Frame	1,000
Idaho Springs, "	Zion	"	30	33	" "	1,800
Las Animas, "	Bethany		28	10	Church Stone	2,000
Longmont, "	Elim	J. A. Rinell	40	12		
Pueblo, "	Tabor	G. R. Peterson	58		Church Stone	2,500
Ryssby, "		J. A. Rinell	84	40	Ch. and Par. Stone	3,000
Victor, "						
Chesterville, Tex	Elim	P. J. Sanden	25	15		
El Campo, Tex	Philippi	J. P. Aurelius	130	62	Ch. and Par. Frame	3,900
Galveston, Tex	Zion	A. S. Segerhammar	68	50	" " " "	7,000
Ganado, Tex	Salem	J. P. Aurelius	24	28	Church Frame	1,100
Georgetown, Tex	Bethel	O. H. Sylvan	3		" "	500
Houston, Tex	Trinity	A. S. Segerhammer	10			
Hutto, Tex		O. H. Sylvan	76	33	Ch. and Par. Frame	1,600
Jackson Co., Tex						
Olivia, Tex	Eden	J. P. Aurelius	28	20	20 Acres	200
Victoria Co., Tex						
Wharton " "						
Goosberry, Ore	Valby		42	30	Frame	800
Mist, Ore	Bethlehem		40		"	500
Powell's Valley, Ore	Saron		16	14	"	700

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Everet, Wash						
Hockinson, Wash	Elim		46	15	Frame	700
South Bend, Wash	Ansgarii		11			
Vancouver, Wash	Emaus					
Anaconda, Mont		E. J. Sanders				
Bozeman, Mont		L. A. Hocanzon				
Butte, Mont		L. A. Hocanzon		30	Church	5,000
Great Falls, Mont		P. A. Fair				
Hamilton, Mont						
Helena, Mont	St. John's	P. A. Fair	70	25	3 Lots	710
Missoula, Mont		E. J. Sanders				
Basalt, Idaho	Bethel	J. E. Shipp				
Boise, Idaho		"				
Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	"		28	Church	
Pocatello, Idaho		"				
Ogden, Utah				38	Church and Par	
Provo, Utah					" " "	4,000
Salt Lake City, Utah		P. E. Aslev			" " "	20,000
Santaquin, Utah					Church	
Eureka, Cal	Eureka	J. A. Benander	43	30	Ch. and Par. Frame	5,000
Kingsburg, Cal	Concordia	C. M. Esbjorn	66	25	" " " Fr–Br.	4,337
Los Angeles, Cal	Angelica	J. A. Edlund	66	12	" " " Frame	12,000
Riverside, Cal	Eden	L. O. Lindh	30	20	" " " "	4,800
Douglas, Alaska		J. N. Sundquist				
Total 308		118 Missionaries	10,760	6,171		$513,434

2. Canada Synod.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Arnprior, Ont	St. Johannis	B. Christiansen	130	75	Frame	$1,500
Admaston, Ont	St. Jacobus	"	.....	.....	"	900
Wiarton, Ont	St. Petri	G. Schroeder	120	50	"	1,200
Denbigh, Ont	St. Paulus		.....	.....	"	1,200
Pleona, Ont	St. Johannis	P. Besig	160	60	.....	.....
Raglan, Ont	St. Stephens		.....	.....	Frame	1,000
Auburn, Ont	Salem	E. M. Genzmer	67	26	"	1,000
Ottawa, Ont	St. Johannis	C. Lucas	85	26	Brick	2,000
Draper, Ont	Nazareth		.....	.....	Log	800
Monk, Ont	Mission	C. Schroeder	70	13	.....	.....
Thorne Centre, P. Q	St. Johannis	G. de Zocher	216	55	Brick	2,000
Lyndoch, Ont	Christus		.....	.....	.....	.....
Sebastopol, Ont	St. Johannis		.....	.....	.....	.....
Barry Bay, Ont					.....	.....
Whitney, Ont	St. Petri	M. Voss	145	65	.....	.....
Magnorta, Ont			.....	.....	.....	.....
Bancroft, Ont	Christus		.....	.....	.....	.....
Unionville, Ont	English		.....	.....	Frame	1,000
Buttonville, Ont	English	Vacant	45	26	"	1,000
Port Elgin, Ont			.....	.....	Brick	.....
Southampton, Ont		J. Neudoerffer	55	24	.....	.....
Total..... 21		9 Missionaries	1093	420		$13,600

3. Chicago Synod.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Chicago, Ill	St. Peter's	H. B. Reed	69	292	Brick	5,000
" "	St. James'	Prof. P. W. H. Frederick	19	120	Lot	750
" "	St. Luke's	M. E. Haberland	19	165	Brick	7,000
" "	St. Matthew's	Geo. P. Kabele	70	141	Frame	2,400
South Bend, Ind	Holy Trinity	William Eckert	38	83	.....	.....
Alexandria, Ind	Our Blessed Saviour	A. C. Peterson	30	30	Brick	12,000
Portland, Ind	Zion	"	25	26	Frame	2,500
*Lafayette, Ind	Zion	P. C. Wicke	22	25	.....	.....
†Nappanee, Ind	St. John's	A. H. Arbaugh	23	.....	Frame	.....
Total..... 9		8 Missionaries	315	882		$29,650

* Supplied by students. † By Syracuse Parish, Ind.

4. District Synod of Ohio.

Ashville, O	English Lutheran	J. J. S. Rumbarger	70	99	Frame	$3,700
Coshocton, O		H. T. Weber	40	.....	.....	.....
Defiance, O	Zion	R. E. M. Engers	88	50	.....	.....
London, O	St. John	C. E. Schweikert	49	80	Brick	4,000
Lilly Chapel, O	Zion	"	25	30	"	1,800
Paulding, O	Trinity	Vacant	25	132	Frame	2,000
Charloe, O	St. John	"	26	.....	"	3,000
.....	St. Paul	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pemberville, O	Martin Luther	E. J. E. Kuhlman	84	45	.....	4,000
Toledo, O	Grace	G. W. Schmogrow	71	130	Lot	2,500
Toledo, O	St. Matthew	H. Brezing	167	191	Frame	7,000
Toledo (East), O	Martin Luther	J. Harold	216	160	Brick	7,000
West Carrollton, O	Grace	(Supplied by	9	25	Frame	600
Miamisburg, O	St. John	F. W. E. Peschau, D.D.)	160	95	Brick	3,000
Total..... 14		8 Missionaries	1,030	1,036		$8,600

5. English Synod of Northwest.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Waukegan, Ill	English, not organized		16	20		
Lindstrom, Minn	" " "		22	100		
St. Paul, Minn	" " "			50		
Stillwater, Minn	" " "			50		
West Duluth, Minn	" " "			60		
Kenosha, Wis	" " "		30	75		
Milwaukee, Wis	" N. Side Mission	W. K. Frick		45		
Total 7			68	400		

6. Ministerium of New York.

A. GERMAN MISSIONS.

Brockport, N. Y.	Concordia	H. Hensen	97	21	Frame	$ 7,000
Farmington, N. Y.	St. John's	E. Reissig	156	70	"	2,000
Greenport, L. I., N. Y.	St. Peter's	H. Reumann	57	25	"	4,000
Hackensack, N. J.	St. Mark's	M. Voelker	84	70		
Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.	Epiphany	Ph. Maas	92	45	Church	7,000
Hollis, L. I., N. Y.	Trinity	O. Heydenreich	32	33	Hall	
Liberty, N. Y.	St. Paul's	Vacant	57	50	Stone	
Madison, Conn.	Immanuel	H. Masius	76	24	Hall	
Newark, N. Y.	Zion	H. Strassburger	40	20	Frame	3,000
New Bedford, Mass.	St. John's	R. Lucas	62	40		
New York, N. Y.	Christ	H. von Hollen	320	145	Brick	
Plainfield, N. J.	St. Peter's	Vacant	67	30	Frame	
Ravena, N. Y.	Trinity	W. E. Rommel	68	42	"	3,000
Westfield, Pa.	Zion	J. Hartmann	50	30		
Williamsbridge, N. Y.	St. Peter's	O. Rappolt	80	110	Brick	4,000

Ministerium of New York.—Continued.

B. ENGLISH MISSIONS.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Albany, N. Y.	Emanuel	J. C. Reichert	67	100	.....	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Bedford Dist.	S. G. Trexler	60	120	Hall	.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	St. Stephen's	L. D. Gable	178	250	Frame	9,000
Elmira, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	M. J. Bieber	160	135	.....	.....
New Rochelle, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	S. Paulson	17	30	.....	.....
Total..... 20		19 Missionaries	2051	1650		$39,000

7. Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	G. A. Genzmer	79	70	Frame	$10,000
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew	J. A. Kunkelman, D.D.	92	121	"	15,000
Chiselhurst, N. J.	St. Paul, German	H. Mette	15	35	"	800
Folsom, N. J.	St. James, German	"	98	55	Stone	1,500
Williamstown, N. J.	St. John, German	"	92	45	Frame	1,000
Egg Harbor, N. J.	Zion, German	O. Lincke	70	140	.....	6,000
Hainesport, N. J.	St. Paul, German	J C. Dizinger	100	65	Brick	1,000
Liberty Park, N. J.	Nazareth, German	J. E. Andreae	60	60	.....	.....
Woodbury, N. J.	St. John, German	"	25	20	Frame	2,500
Magnolia, N. J.		Supplied by Students	.....	.....	"	2,400
North Cramer Hill, N. J.	Christ, German	P. Kleine	174	175	"	5,000
Riverside, N. J.	Zion, German	E. Kionka	185	175	Brick	7,000
Trenton, N. J.	Church of the Saviour	Vacant	42	74	Hall	.....
Allentown, Pa.	St. Luke	J. C. Rausch	325	600	Brick	15,000
" "	St. Stephen	Ira W. Klick	100	160	Frame	4,000
Carbondale, "	St. Paul	J. F. C. Ehinger	50	45	"	7,400
East Bangor "	Grace	G. S. Kleckner	95	120	"	.....
Gouldsboro, "	Grace	C. E. Blethen	61	35	"	3,000

Great Bend, Pa.	Trinity	M. J. Bieber	28	26	Frame	1,500		
Hazleton, "	Trinity	E. F. Ritter	253	221	"	4,000		
Sheppton, "	St. Peter	"	50	64	"	.....		
Jersey Shore, "	Zion	C. D. Zweier	54	65	"	2,000		
Locust Vall., "	St. Peter	J. K. Sullenberger	25	50	"	2,000		
Quakake, "	Ascension	"	55	100	"	2,000		
Rush Twp. "	Christ	"	200	.....	"	5,000		
Lopez, Pa.	Trinity	E. P. Xander	73	4	.....	.....		
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John	"	18	75	Frame	2,000		
Mt. Carmel, "	St. Matth., Slavonian	L. Havel	55	16	.....	.....		
Mt. Joy, "	Trinity	W. Penn Barr	116	108	Stone	10,000		
North Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen	Vacant	60	125	Frame	3,000		
Noxen, "	St. Luke	J. I. Miller, D.D.	76	200	"	3,000		
Philadelphia, "	Atonement	W. L. Stough	172	227	Stone	20,000		
" "	Cross, German	W. R. M. Oeser	293	.....	"	60,000		
" "	Friedens, German	R. Schmidt	237	325	Brick	.....		
" "	Holy Comforter	H. F. Hehl	.....	.....	.....	.....		
" "	Incarnation	N. R. Melhorn	187	175	Stone	23,000		
" "	Norwegian	.....	.....	.....	Hall	.....		
" "	Resurrection	C. E. Dozer	65	140	"	.....		
" "	St. Barnabas	Supplied by Students	.....	.....	"	.....		
" "	St. James	F. E. Whitmore	42	70	Brick	4,500		
" "	St. John, Danish	U. Mengers	27	.....	.....	.....		
" "	Transfiguration	H. Branson Richards	73	153	Brick	6,500		
" Falls, "	Redeemer	G. A. Kercher	70	130	Hall	.....		
" Frankford, Pa.	Salem	F. Miller	77	122	Frame	3,000		
" Germantown, Pa.	St. Thomas, German	H. P. Fresemann	118	72	Stone	8,000		
" Manayunk, "	Epiphany	C. P. Weiskotten	156	196	"	13,000		
" Olney, "	Tabor, German	Ph. Lamerdin	178	90	Frame	7,000		

Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Continued.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Philadelphia, Tacony, Pa.,	German Lutheran	A. Biemueller	102	84	Church and Par.	10,000
Bristol, Pa.	" "	"	57	48		
Philadelphia, Tioga, Pa.	Nativity	U. S. G. Bertolet	250	375	Stone	15,000
Pine Grove, Pa	St. Peter	H. M. Schofer	90	45	"	1,000
Dows, "	St. Mark, German	"	24	100	Frame	4,000
Port Carbon, "	St. Paul	C. W. Eberwine.	185	160	"	
Middleport, "	St. Paul	"	150	65	Stone	3,000
Reading, "	Bethany	W. A. Snyder	120	175	"	5,000
Wernersville, Pa.	Trinity	"	106	104	Brick	8,000
Reading, "	St. Paul	M. H. Stettler	126	187	Lot	5,000
Mohnsville, "	St. John	"	186	170	Stone	15,000
Richfield, "	Richfield	E. E. Gilbert	80		Frame	1,500
Monroe Twp., "	St. Peter	"	35		"	1,200
Oriental, "	St. Paul	"	20		"	1,000
Perry Twp., "	Zion	"	25		"	1,100
Sayre, "	Grace	E. M. Beysher	117	100	"	3,600
Scranton, "	Christ, German	J. D. C. Witke	200	175	Brick	6,000
" "	St. Mark	A. L. Ramer, Ph. D.	253	190	Frame	10,000
" "	St. Paul	W. C. L. Lauer.	45	82		
S. Williamsport, "	Christ, German	Paul Ludwig	145	80	Frame	
Steelton, "	Trinity, German	E. Metzenthin	177	100	"	3,200
Strasburg, "	St. Michael	G. W. McClanahan	117	118	Brick	9,000
Sunbury, "	St. Luke	J. N. Wetzler, D.D.	238	190	"	6,000
Tower City, "	St. Paul	W. F. Bond	267	230	Frame	3,500
Orwin, "	St. Peter	"	66	119	"	2,000
Wilkesbarre, "	Christ	H. F. J. Seneker	198	196	"	6,500

Wanamie, Pa.	St. Luke.	H. F. J. Seneker		30	57	Frame	300
The following Missions are not assisted by the Board of Missions.							
Annville, Pa.	St. Paul	Dr. Schmauk		101	126	Brick	8,000
Cornwall, "	Salem	Vacant				Frame	3,500
Elizabeth, N. J.	Holy Trinity	Fred'k C. Krapf		105	340	"	5,500
Fountain Hill, Pa.	St. Paul	J. A. Bauman, Ph.D.		77	203	Brick	3,500
Lancaster, "	Christ	J. W. Richards		408	415	"	30,000
Lebanon, "	St. James	Dr. Schmauk			140	Frame	5,000
Manoa, "	Trinity	H. F. Hehl				Hall	
Reading (East), Pa.	Faith	Vacant		52	72	Brick	2,500
Reading (North), "	Peace	"		72	103	"	2,500
Sunnyside, "	Grace	Dr. Schmauk		10	30	"	2,500
Wilkesbarre, "	Trinity	J. F. Beates		30	100	Frame	3,300
Total 85		57 Missionaries		8,641	9,388		$448,200
The following have recently become self-sustaining.							
Lansford, Pa.	Trinity	C. J. Gable		106	145	Frame	$ 5,000
Summit Hill, Pa.	St. Paul	V. J. Bauer		230	265	"	6,000
Total 2				336	410		$11,000
8. Pacific Synod.							
Everett, Wash.	English, not organized	H. A. W. Yung					
Whatcom, Wash.	" " "	H. A. W. Yung					
LaConner, Wash.	" " "	Wm. F. Holl		15			
Smelter, Wash.	" " "	Wm. F. Holl		26	38	Frame	1,000
Stanwood, Wash.	" " "	Wm. F. Holl		16			
Nehalen, Ore.	German, " "	Wm. Roehmer		25			
Other Places, Ore.	" " "	Wm. Roehmer		50			
Total 6				132	38		1,000

9. Missions of the Pittsburg Synod.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Allegheny, Pa.	Emanuel	Luther D. Reed	104	117	Frame	$ 10,000
Allegheny, Pa.	Grace	E. H. Daugherty	86	218	"	9,000
Allegheny, Pa.	Mt. Zion	T. S. Brown	128	169	"	3,500
Beaver Falls, Pa.	Christ	J. A. Zundel	135	152	"	8,000
Braddock, Pa.	Trinity	Vacant	49	61	"	7,000
Derry, Pa.	Trinity	Wilson Yeisley	135	158	"	6,000
Bradenville, Pa	Zion	Wilson Yeisley	27	40		100
Bridgeport, Ohio	Trinity	A. C. Sumons	62	70		
Bridgeville, Pa.	German Lutheran	H. A. Ziel	45	48	Brick	5,000
Conneaut, Ohio		Vacant		72		
Cleveland, Ohio	Holy Trinity	C. S. Kohler	77	46	Frame	7,000
Corry, Pa.	St. Paul's	Vacant	79	60	"	2,500
Dennison, Ohio	St. Paul's	Vacant	96	52	"	4,000
East Liverpool, Ohio	St. John's German	J. G. Reinartz	165	127	Brick	17,000
Ellwood, Pa.	St. Mark's	Vacant	40	55		3,000
Ellwood, Pa., vicinity of	Zion	Vacant	35	50	Church	
Ellwood, Pa., vicinity of	Trinity	Vacant	52	55	"	
Homestead, Pa.	St. John's	G. S. Seaman	180	181	Frame	10,000
Jeannette, Pa.	Holy Trinity	F. S. Beistel	225	182	Brick	16,000
West Johnsonburg, Pa.	St. John's German	J. Schmalenbach	86	56	Frame	3,500
Johnsorburg, Pa.	St. Paul's German	J. Schmalenbach	14	15	Church	
McKeesport, Pa.	St. John's	J. J. Brubeck	118	92	Brick	10,000
Monaca, Pa.	Ch. of the Redeemer	C. L. Holloway	94	170	"	7,000
Logstown, Pa.	House of Prayer	C. L. Holloway	36	32	Frame	2,000
Morgantown, W. Va	St. Paul's	Ira M. Wallace	38	28	"	6,000
hton, Pa.	Trinity	G. W. Critchlow	91	82	"	8,000

New Castle, Pa	St. John's	J. H. Miller	95	128	"		12,000
North East, Pa	St. Peter's	G. G. Ruff	55	39	Brick		6,000
Parkersburg, W. Va	St. John's German	L. O. Hammer	88	66			3,400
Red Hill, W. Va	St. Paul's German	L. O. Hammer	22	12			1,000
Reynolds, Pa	Trinity	Vacant	75	46	Frame		3,000
Chestnut Grove, Pa	"	"	35	35	"		2,000
Emericksville, Pa	"	"	30	.....	"		2,000
Saltsburg, Pa	St. John's	W. E. Bauer	46	34	Brick		5,000
Fenneltown, Pa	St. James'	"	61	43	Church		5,000
Scottdale, Pa	St. Paul's	B. F. Hankey	123	87	Frame		3,500
Tarentum, Pa.	Grace	E. O. Graham	36	28	"		4,000
Natrona, Pa	St. Peter's	"	43	20	Brick		5,000
Springdale, Pa	St. Mark's	"	31	46	Frame		3,000
Verona, Pa	Trinity	Vacant	51	73			
New Kensington, Pa	St. Paul's	"	21	32	Frame		3,000
Washington, Pa	First Church	C. H. Hemsath	125	133	Brick		8,000
Wilkinsburg, Pa	St. Paul's	J. F. Heckert	88	76	"		17,000
Youngstown, Pa	St. John's, German	G. A. Fechner	71	40	Frame		4,000
Meadville, Pa	Trinity	C. Koerner	104	131	Brick		8,000
McKees Rocks, Pa	St. John's, German	J. A. Tarnedde	167	73	Frame		4,500
McKean, Pa		E. J. Meisner	40	39	Church		3,000
Cambridge Springs, Pa		"	.....	.....			
Vandergrift Heights, Pa	Holy Trinity	Vacant	36	30			
South Sharon, Pa			.....	.....			1,400
Tuscarawas, O	Tuscarawas	Vacant	60	94	Church		
		Not assisted by Synod.					
Erie, Pa	St. Stephens	C. T. Benze	.....	.....			
Erie, Pa		"	.....	.....			
Ford City, Pa	Trinity	G. W. Spiggle	40	40			3,000

Missions of Pittsburg Synod.—Continued.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
Youngwood, Pa		A. L. Yount, D.D	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baldwin Twp., Allegheny Co.	Ch. of the Redeemer	D. L. Roth, D.D	55	.....	.....	2,000
Total	56	32 Missionaries	3,795	3,733		$253,400

RECAPITULATION.—GENERAL COUNCIL MISSIONS.

1. Home Missions Supported by

	No. of Missionaries.	Number of Missions.	Members.	Sunday School Scholars.	Value of Church Property.
Board of English Home Missions (English)	20	22	2,336	2,840	$ 176.750
Board of German Home Missions (German)	16	74	3,534	330	17,700
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	118	308	10,760	6,171	513,434
Canada Synod (German and English)	9	21	1,093	420	13,600
Chicago Synod (English)	8	9	315	882	29,650
District Synod of Ohio (English)	8	14	1,030	1,036	38,600
English Synod of Northwest	.....	7	68	400	.....
Ministerium of New York (German and English)	19	20	2,051	1,650	39,000
Ministerium of Pennsylvania (English and German)	57	85	8,641	9,243	441,700
Pittsburgh Synod (English and German)	32	56	3,795	3,733	253,400
Pacific Synod (English and German)	.....	6	132	38	1,000
Total	287	622	33,755	26,743	$1,524,834

2. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Alabama	2	Delaware	1	Iowa	9	Michigan	19
Alaska	1	District of Columbia	1	Kansas	7	Minnesota	59
California	5	Florida	6	Kentucky	1	Missouri	6
Canada, Dominion of	84	Idaho	4	Maine	4	Montana	7
Colorado	11	Illinois	31	Maryland	1	Nebraska	20
Connecticut	8	Indiana	8	Massachusetts	8	New Hampshire	1

Missions according to States and Territories.—Continued.

New Jersey	24	Oregon	21	Texas	11	West Virginia	3
New York	37	Pennsylvania	127	Utah	6	Wisconsin	30
North Dakota	11	Rhode Island	2	Vermont	1	Wyoming	1
Ohio	22	South Dakota	11	Washington	11	Total	622

3. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE.

A. English Missions.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	6	458
Canada Synod	2	45
Chicago Synod	12	687
District Synod of Ohio	14	1,030
English Synod of Northwest	15	1,228
Ministerium of New York	7	783
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	65	5,960
Pacific Synod	10	418
Pittsburgh Synod	49	3,375
Total	180	13,984

B. German Missions.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Canada Synod	19	1,048
Manitoba Synod	54	3,004
Ministerium of New York	16	1,338
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	20	2,681
Pacific Synod	21	476
Pittsburgh Synod	7	420
Total	137	8,967

C. Swedish Missions.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Augustana Synod	302	10,302

D. Swedish, Norwegian, Slavonican.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	3	82
Grand Total	622	33,335

General Council According to States and Territories.

	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.
Alabama	1	2	63
Alaska	1	1	.....
California	6	8	890
Colorado	4	11	4,112
Connecticut	21	34	5,942
Cuba	1	.....	520
Delaware	2	2	.....
Florida	2	2	.....
Idaho	2	3	168
Illinois	91	112	25,745
India	6	.....	.....
Indiana	28	50	4,804
Iowa	40	73	10,222
Kansas	27	45	6,443
Kentucky	1	1	169
Maine	1	3	248
Maryland	2	1	.....
Massachusetts	17	26	3,632
Michigan	22	52	5,826
Minnesota	125	252	35,165
Missouri	3	3	506
Montana	1	.....	.....
Nebraska	30	46	$ 5,167
New Hampshire	2	2	496
New Jersey	37	43	9,497
New York	172	171	46,518
North Dakota	8	59	2,568
Northwestern Territories	14	59	3,708
Nova Scotia	7	16	2,179
Ohio	55	90	12,954
Ontario and Quebec	41	88	13,053
Oregon	7	25	793
Pennsylvania	460	703	152,525
Porto Rico	1	.....	.....
Rhode Island	4	8	1,286
South Dakota	8	8	386
Texas	8	13	1,051
Utah	2	2	26
Vermont	1	3	253
Washington	8	14	820
West Virginia	6	4	851
Wisconsin	23	76	5,803
Wyoming	1	.....	.....
Clergymen Abroad	7	.....	.....
Total	1,306	2,110	$362,409

The following report of the auditing committee should have appeared in connection with the Treasurer's report on page 109, but having been delayed it is added in this place, as follows:

Audited and found correct.
Philadelphia, Pa., January 20, 1902.

JAMES G. FINLEY.
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH.

REGISTER OF CLERGYMEN AND INSTITUTIONS.

KEY TO NUMBERS.

1 Pennsylvania Ministerium; 2 New York Ministerium; 3 Pittsburg Synod; 4 District Synod of Ohio; 5 Augustana Synod; 6 Canada Synod; 7 Chicago Synod; 8 English Synod of the Northwest; 9 Manitoba Synod; 10 Pacific Synod.

ALABAMA.

Thorsby, 5 Hedberg, J. E.

ALASKA.

Douglas, 5 J. H. Sundquist,

CALIFORNIA.

Kingsburg, 5 Esbjorn, C. M., Ph.D.
Los Angeles, 5 Edlund, J. A.
Oakland, 5 Rodell, A, J.
San Francisco, 5 Haterius, C. J. E.
San Jose, 5 Leveau, A. M.
Templeton, 5 Kinnell, A.

COLORADO.

Boulder. 5 Loefgren, P.
Colorado Springs, 5 Youngdahl, G. E.
Denver, 5 Brandelle, G. A., D.D.
Pueblo, 5 Peterson, G. K.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington, 1 Doerr, P.
1 Isenschmid, P., M.D.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Alberta.

Edmonton, 9 Hensen, H.
Fort Saskatchewan, 9 Lilge, A.
Sprucegrove, 9 Runge, G.
Wetaskiwin, 9 Bredlow.

Assiniboia.

Edenwald, 9 Becker, H.
Langenburg, 9 Mordhorst, O. F.
Neudorf, 9 Willing, W.

Manitoba

Gretna, 9 Burgdorf, J.
Scandinavia, 5 Berg, B. O.
Tupper, 9 Henning, V.
Winnipeg, 9 Beer, F.

Nova Scotia.

Bridgewater, 3 Lindtwed, C. B.
Lunenburg, 3 Weaver, W.
Mahone Bay, 3 Beck, C. G.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Continued.

Nova Scotia.—Continued.

New Germany, 3 Little, C. H.
Rose Bay, 3 Maurer, J.
Wentzel's Lake, 3 McCreery, L. M.

Ontario.

Arnprior, 6 Christiansen, B.
Auburn, 6 Genzmer, E. M.
Baden, 6 Loeb, F.
Brodhagen, 6 Weigand, H.
Conestoga, 6 Rembe, H.
Crystal Beach, 2 Snyder, T., D.D.
Denbigh, 6 Besig, P.
Desboro, 6 Klaehn, O.
Eganville, 6 Brackebusch, G.
Elmira, 6 Schultz, A. R.
Elmwood, 6 Goos, J.
Germania, 6 Schroeder, C.
Hamilton, 6 Hoffmann, E.
Hanover, 6 Twietmeyer, H.
Heidelberg, 6 Petschke, H.
Hespeler, 6 Eggers, A.
Humberstone, 6 Badke, J.
Listowel, 6 Daechsel, G.
Morrisburg, 6 Rupp, J. C. F.
Neustadt, 6 Neudoerffer, E.
6 Neudoerffer, J.
New Dundee, 6 Hammer, E. J.
New Hamburg, 6 Mueller, B.
Ottawa. 6 Lucas, C.
Pembroke, 6 Zarnke, C.
Philipsburg, 6 Langholz, J.
Preston, 6 Maas, J.
Rankin, 6 Henkel, H. L.
Rostock, 6 Blunck, A.
Strathtay, 6 Voss, M.
Tavistock, 6 Veit, F.
Toronto, 6 Mueller, P. W.
Unionville, 6 Schumann, G. V. B.
Waterloo, 6 Arendt, M. W.
6 Schultz, E. A.
Wellesley, 6 Holm, C. A. E.
6 Muenzinger, J. N.
Wiarton, 6 Hahn, F.
6 Schroeder, G.
Williamsburg, 6 Shunk, J. N.
Zurich, 6 Schuelke, E.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Continued.

Quebec.

Ladysmith, 6 Zocher, G de

Saskatchewan.

Rostern, 6 Wallbaum, H.

CONNECTICUT.

Branford, 5 Martin, K. A.
Bridgeport, 5 Cesander, C. E.
2 Mueller, Max
Bristol, 5 Lundquist, A. F.
Collinsville, 2 Seidenstuecker, O.
Hartford, 2 Brunke, L.
5 Franzeen, S. C.
Madison, 2 Masius, C.
Meriden, 5 Andrews, O. J.
2 Tappert, C. R.
Middletown, 5 Bergendoff, C. A.
2 Blecher, C.
5 Sylvan, O. H.
Naugatuck, 5 Zetterstrand, E. A.
New Britain, 2 Gaudian, M. W.
5 Oehman, S. G.
New Haven, 5 Enstam, A. J.
2 Heczko, Geo.
1 Martin, A., D.D.
2 Siebke, C. H.
2 Timm, J. A.
North Grosvenor Dale, 5 Forsberg, G. E.
Portland, 5 Ahlquist, L. P.
Rockville, 2 Hartwig, G. F.
Seymour, 2 Lemke, P.
South Manchester, 5 Anderson, W. P.
Waterbury, 2 Pfeil, R.
Willimantic, 5 Brodeen, J. A.

CUBA.

Santiago, 3 Zimmerman, R. M.

EAST INDIA.

Bhimawaram, William, J.
Dowlaishwaram, 1 Arps, R.
6 Neudoerffer, E. Jr.
Rajahmundry, 1 Schmidt, H. C., D.D.
James, E.
Samulcotta, 5 Isaacson, H. E.
Tallipudi, 5 Edman, E., M.D.

FLORIDA.

Melrose, 3 Boord, J. A.
3 Waters, A. H.
Pinellas, 2 Breu, L.

GERMANY.

Ingweiler, 3 Ziegelmeyer, P.
Koeben, 1 Witke, J. S. M.

IDAHO.

Idaho Falls, 5 Shipp, J. E.
Moscow, 5 Nelson, N. J. W.

ILLINOIS.

Altona, 5 Anderson, E., B.D.
Andover, 5 Setterdahl, V.
5 Swedish Orphanage.
Aurora, 5 Ostrom, O.
Batavia, 5 Edblom, C. P.
Belvidere, 5 Ekeberg, G. A.
Bloomington, 5 Johnson, C. J., B.D.
Blue Island, 5 Martin, A. P.
Cambridge, 5 Martinson, P.
Chadwick, 8 Grey, L.
Chicago, 5 Abrahamson, L. G., D.D., K.N.O.
5 Brandelle, J. N.
7 Corbett, Z. M.
7 Crile, A. D.
5 Evald, C. A , D.D.
5 Fors, A. P.
7 Frederick, Prof. P. W. H.
7 Gerberding, Prof. G. H., D.D.
7 Haberland, M. E.
5 Hult, A., B.D.
7 Hunt, J. R. E.
1 Hunton, W. L., Ph.D.
5 Johnson, F. A.
7 Kabele, G. P.
5 Kaellstroem, P. J.
3 Krauss, Prof. E. F.
5 Lindeblad, H. O.
5 Lundahl, G.
5 Noyd, M.
5 Ranseen, M. C., D.D.
7 Reed, H. B.
5 Rosenquist, E. J. A.
5 Rydberg, S. E.
5 Sandahl, S. A.
5 Swanbaeck, J. W.
5 Tengwald, V.
7 Weidner, Pres. R. F., D.D., LL.D.
5 Augustana Hospital.
5 Deaconess Institute.
Passavant Hospital.
Theological Seminary.
Claremont, 7 Sappenfield, J. M. G.
Decatur, 7 Peters, H.
Dekalb, 5 Stark, A. W.
Elgin, 5 Mellander, J.
Evanston, 5 Stark, G. K.
Galesburg, 5 Peterson, P.
Galva, 5 Nordgren, N.
Geneseo, 5 Edquist, P. A.
Geneva, 5 Christensen, C.
Gibson, 5 Seastrand, A. F.
Joliet, 1 Roth, J. D.
5 Vibelius, J.

ILLINOIS.—Continued.

Joliet, 5 SWEDISH ORPHANAGE.
Kewanee, 5 Rydman, J. M.
Knoxville, 5 Ottoson, H. P.
Lagrange, 5 Ostram, A.
Lemont, 5 Colliander, H.
Lockport, 5 Newman, S. H.
Moline, 5 Hemborg, C. A.
Monmouth, 5 Johnson, Aug.
New Windsor, 5 Swanson, E.
Opheim, 5 Edgren, A.
Orion, 5 Brodine, J. P.
Paxton, 5 Olsson, E. P.
Pecatonica, 5 Borg, J. F.
Peoria, 5 Appell, Alf.
Perdue 5 Forsberg, J.
Princeton, 5 Hemdahl, G. E.
Prophetstown, 5 Holzt, J. E.
Rankin, 5 Pearson, P.
Rockford, 5 Seedoff, J. F.
5 Sjoestroem, N. P.
Rock Island, 5 Bengston, C. J.
5 Bartholomew, Prof. E. F., D.D.
5 Cervin, Prof. A. R., Ph.D.
5 Dahlberg, J. G.
5 Forsander, Prof. N., D.D.
5 Granere, Prof. C. O.
5 Hoffsten, C. E.
5 Holmgrain, O. V.
5 Jesperson, J.
5 Lindahl, S. P. A., D.D.
5 Lindberg, Prof. C. R., D.D.
5 Mauritzson, J. G. U.
5 Nelson, A.
5 Pearson, S.
5 Solberg, C. O.
5 Soedergren, C. J.
5 Telleen, J., D.D.
5 Youngert, Prof. S. G., Ph.D.
5 AUGUSTANA COLLEGE and THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
5 AUGUSTANA BOOK CONCERN.
Saint Charles, 5 Jessup, E. C.
Swedona, 5 Kraft, J. T.
Sycamore, 5 Frykman, M.
Vandalia, 7 Wagner, M. L.
Varna, 5 Petersen, C. A.
Wenona, 5 Erikson, G.
Woodhull, 5 Swanberg, G. A.

INDIANA.

Alexandria, 7 Dozer. C. L. V.
Anderson, 7 Finck, W. J.
Arcadia, 7 House, A. V.
Chesterton, 5 Johnson, G. A.
Colburn, 7 Wike, P. C.
Elkhart, 5 Lind, H.
Fort Wayne, 3 Merz, H.

INDIANA.—Continued.

Fort Wayne, 7 Wagenhals, S., D.D.
Frankfort, 7 Lantz, H. K.
Goshen, 7 Anda, A. A.
Laporte, 5 Siljestroem, O. J.
Lebanon, 7 Reese, D. L.
Michigan City, 5 Loefgren, D. A.
New Augusta, 7 Stirewalt, M. J., D.D.
Newberry, 7 Shepfer, W. H.
Newcastle, 7 Wesner, J.
Porter, 5 Loenner, M. L.
South Bend, 7 Eckert, Wm.
5 Forsberg, N. J.
Syracuse, 7 Arbaugh, A. B.
Tiosa, 7 Dittmar, G. F.
Wallace, 7 Whitman, I.
Whitestone, 7 Good, J.

IOWA.

Algona, 5 Elfstrom, A. V. P.
Alta, 5 Lundell, C. G.
Bethesda, 5 Modin, B.
Boone, 5 Anderson, J. A., B.D.
Boxholm, 5 Hemborg, J. A.
Burlington, 5 Holmes, L., D.D., L.H.D.
Burnside, 5 Gustafson, A. E.
Cedar Rapids, 5 Idstroem, J. B. A.
Centerville, 5 Linden, P. M.
Chariton, 5 Borg, J. P.
Council Bluffs, 5 Magnusson, A. A.
Creston, 5 Lindahl, C. A.
Dayton, 5 Christensen, J. A.
Des Moines, 5 Sandell, J. A.
Essex, 5 Gustafson, G. O.
5 Seashore, Theo.
Gowrie, 5 Landell, O. A.
Harcourt, 5 Selander, S. E.
Keokuk, 5 Moreland, C. O.
Lawrence, 5 Backstroem, C. L.
Madrid, 5 Benson, C. E.
Marathon, 5 Oestergren, G. A.
Marshalltown, 5 Parson, M., B.D.
Munterville, 5 Linden, E. T.
5 Monell, A. E.
Nyman, 5 Fredeen, A. G.
5 Ternberg, E. S.
Ogden, 5 Ahlin, J. F.
Ottumwa, 5 Gunberg, A.
Pomeroy, 5 Olsson, C. E.
Red Oak, 5 Norden, E. J.
Salina, 5 Ander, A. G.
Sioux City, 5 Ferm, O. W.
Stanton, 5 Halland, B. M.
5 Rydbaeck, J. E.
5 SWEDISH ORPHANAGE.
Stratford, 5 Andeer, C. W.
Swea City, 5 Almgren, P.
Swedesburg, 5 Norrbom, A.
Wallin, 5 Oestlin, A. J.

KANSAS.

Assaria, 5 Vickstrand, J.
Burdick, 5 Dorf, G. A.
Dwight, 5 Johnson, A. E.
Fremont, 5 Danielson, J. D.
Hutchinson, 5 Leksell, A. A.
Kackley, 5 Ogden, M. P.
Kansas City, 5 Glad, N. E.
Lindsborg, 5 Ekholm, Prof. J., Ph.D.
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5 Pihlblad, E. F. W.
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OPENING SERVICE.

The Twenty-ninth convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Trinity, Norristown, Penn'a, (the Rev. Ernst P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D., pastor) commencing on Thursday morning, October 8, 1903.

The Confessional Service was held in the Sunday-school room at 9.30 a. m., and was conducted by the President, the Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D., and the English Secretary. After the close of this service the assembled delegates and visitors proceeded to the auditorium of the church, where the liturgical service was conducted by the German and English Recording Secretaries. The President of the Council preached the sermon, based on Deuteronomy 1:21, the theme being "The Lord's Commission to His Church." After the sermon the Lord's Supper was administered to the delegates and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa.,

Thursday, October 8, 1903, 2 *P. M.*

The President of the General Council formally opened the convention for the transaction of business, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods." The Roll of the Council, as ascertained by credentials deposited with the officers, was called. As finally made up, after the admission of two new synods, it is as follows:

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

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3. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
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4. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio:

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6. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada:

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8. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

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9. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwestern Territories:

No delegate present.

10. The Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Clerical.

Rev. J. A. Leas, ex officio. —1.

11. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England:

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" H. D. Spaeth.	Mr. J. F. Dinkey. —8.

12. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia:

Clerical.

Rev. Jacob Maurer, ex officio. —1.

Number of Delegates Present.

Clerical 91. Lay, 58. Total, 149.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.

The Rev. Prof. W. Proehl, Dubuque, Ia.

From the United Synod of the South.

The Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., Charlotte, N. C.

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The Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., Baltimore, Md.

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The President read his official report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Honored Members of the General Council,

DEAR BRETHREN:—Contrary to the decision of the General Council at its last meeting, the 29th convention of said body will be held here, at Norristown, instead of at Mansfield, Ohio. The resignation of the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Mansfield, and circumstances connected therewith, made it inconvenient for that church to entertain the Council at this time. The invitation from the Church of the Trinity at Norristown was therefore thankfully accepted, and we hope that the General Council will sanction the action of its officers in this matter.

During the two years since our last convention the great work within the General Council has been zealously and faithfully performed in all its branches. This work has been, and is as yet, largely of a missionary character. Many congregations have been organized, and churches built, since we convened at Lima. The Word of God has been preached and taught by about one thousand four hundred ministers, and in the Sunday-schools thousands of teachers have been laboring. The graded system, with its splendid literature, seems to have worked well, wherever adopted. In the charitable institutions, as well as in the institutions of learning, much work has been performed.

Reports from the respective Synods and Boards will, in due time, be presented to this convention, and we will not anticipate what they may have to say.

The most difficult problem that some of our synods have to contend with is that of language. They are in regard thereto in a transitory condition, and the solution of it cannot be delayed. It is a hard matter to arrange, inasmuch as the conditions are unlike at different places, and it is impossible to designate a rule applicable to all. It is, however, a question that must be solved, either by introducing English in the non-English speaking congregations, or by organizing English Lutheran churches wherever it is necessary, in order to retain the young in our Lutheran faith.

In these critical times of transition our English Lutheran brethren must have patience with the foreign-born Lutherans, and extend to them a helping hand. It would undoubtedly be more pleasant for our English Lutherans to be independent of the foreign-

ers, and leave them to solve the momentous language question to the best of their ability, but it would certainly not further the cause of our Lutheran Church in general.

On the native Lutherans rests a great responsibility regarding the thousands and millions of their Lutheran brethren who arrive at these shores. The one thing more important than the question of language is that we are, and should forever be, one in the faith.

Our Church has immense opportunities in America; and if the respective synods within the General Council work harmoniously, it will be a mighty force in our land, for the salvation of men, and for the betterment of social and political conditions.

In the commercial and industrial world prevails a tendency to combine. The men of the world know that in unity is strength. Should not then the Lutherans, no matter of what nationality, merge themselves together in the true faith? It is pleasant to notice that there is a growing tendency among the great Lutheran bodies to draw closer together, and meanwhile the seed of discontent and secession should find no soil in any part of our General Council. The various sections of this body need each other, in order to constitute a powerful and permanent combination in the interest of God's Kingdom, and the welfare of our land.

Two free Lutheran conferences of men from various synods have been held in the Middle West within the last year, one in Watertown, Wis., and one in Milwaukee, for the purpose of inaugurating a better understanding regarding questions on which differences of opinion have existed. It was suggested that I should appoint a representative from the General Council, but I did not feel authorized to do so. Dr. Nicum, however, has attended both conferences, and received, I believe, a good impression. What the result of these meetings will be remains to be seen. They indicate that there is within the different Lutheran bodies a deeply felt desire to remove existing differences. God grant that the efforts to accomplish this may be successful.

We also hope that the General Conference held at Philadelphia in April of last year, between delegates from the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South, has contributed to the promotion of harmony and co-operation between these organizations.

But while such efforts are being made to draw large Lutheran organizations closer together, we must not forget to strengthen the internal ties in our own General Council.

It was stated recently by one in position to know, that there are more Lutherans west of Chicago than east of it, but thousands of these are as sheep without a shepherd. Therefore the General Council's responsibilities in the West require immediate and strenuous effort. The Board of English Home Missions deserves praise for what it is doing for the English Home Mission cause, but much more work is needed. The English Home Mission Board should be supplied with more funds and earnest workers to satisfy the demand of our Western needs.

It is well that we have a foreign mission, and that men and means are sent to the heathen. In regard thereto, the General Council, as well as the Mission itself, has much reason to be grateful on account of the Board having been able to secure as Superintendent for the Mission in India, Dr. Harpster, who, on account of his experience and other excellent qualifications, undoubtedly is of much help in arranging and promoting the work on that promising field.

But while we labor for the cause of foreign missions, we should not forget the masses of people of our own faith, scattered everywhere in our land; and, instead of talking about what belongs to me and you on the mission field, the respective synods within the Council should work together for the gathering of our Lutheran sons and daughters.

Among other things that recently have attracted much attention, both in this land and in the Old World, is the death of the late pope and the election of a new one. We say nothing against Leo XIII. He was probably as good a pope as most of his predecessors. Neither do we say anything about the pope just chosen; but we notice at such occasions particularly, that the Roman Church is still an influential organization. It is interesting to observe how the rulers of the world, even in our day, are catering to Rome, and it seems as if the President of the United States thought that he also had to partake a little in this, in connection with the demise of the pope, although state and church in America are separated.

I cannot refrain from recommending the "Lutheran" even on this occasion, emphasizing what was said in my former report to

the General Council. It seems as if the Board of Publication ought to have a traveling agent, not only for the "Lutheran," but also for other publications of the Council.

The "Lutheran Church Review," although not an official organ of the General Council, is also an excellent paper, as is also the "Foreign Missionary." Some of the district synods, as for instance the Augustana Synod, also have publication houses and organs of their own.

At the last convention of he General Council it was decided to appoint a committee on our relation to the Lutheran General Conference in Europe, and inasmuch as that committee was not appointed while the Council was in session, I subsequently appointed the following: Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., William H. Staake, Esq., and Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.

A report from this committee, with recommendations, in which your president most heartily concurs, will be presented, and acted upon at this meeting.

The Augustana Synod decided at its last convention to request the General Council to take necessary steps at this meeting to secure for America the next General Lutheran Conference.

Regarding the statistics, there is a lack of conformity between the respective synods within the General Council. It has therefore been suggested that the General Council appoint a committee to prepare a form of parochial report, with recommendation that it be adopted by all our synods.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia, have made applications for admission to the General Council, and we hope that their petitions will be granted.

May God bless this convention, and forever guide and protect the General Council. M. C. RANSEEN.

Norristown, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1903.

The report was received and referred to a committee subsequently appointed.

In the eighth session, the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., chairman of the committee, presented the following report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted, as here follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee has carefully read the President's Report, and finds the following items which we present for your further consideration:

1. Because of the changed circumstances, we recommend the approval of the change made by the officers of the Council, of the place of the 29th Convention from Mansfield, O., to Norristown, Pa.

2. We express our deep sympathy with the sentiments of the Report in regard to the difficult language problem. The solution of this problem can not be found at once. But we are persuaded that this solution will be reached in the measure in which we are able to understand more fully each other's feelings and points of view. Out motto in working out this problem should be: "Forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

3. We all rejoice in the obvious prevailing tendency to greater and closer unity among the various Lutheran bodies in our country. We would emphasize its great importance, and heartily approve all efforts and methods looking toward practical co-operation and ultimate organic union, which carefully conserve all the precious doctrines of our historical Lutheran faith.

4. We heartily endorse the Report's renewed commendation of the Lutheran, The Lutheran Church Review, our Sunday-school literature, and the publications in the interest of the Council's Missions.

5. We approve the recommendation for a uniform Parochial Report Blank for all the district synods.

As a special committee will present the matter of the Lutheran General Conference, your committee makes no recommendation on that point.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. Geissinger,
F. J. F. Schantz,
L. G. Abrahamson,
E. Aug. Miller,
Rob't Erickson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, the General Council proceeded to the election of officers. The President appointed the following as tellers:

1. For the election of President and Treasurer—The Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., and Messrs. James M. Snyder and Theodore Freeman.

2. For Recording Secretaries—The Rev. L. Holmes, D.D., and Messrs. W. D. Horn and Jas. G. Finley.

3. For Corresponding Secretaries—The Rev. F. W. Kohler, Mr. M. Wulff and G. T. Fox, M.D.

The tellers on election of President and Treasurer reported the re-election of William H. Staake, Esq., as Treasurer. As there was no election of a President, a second ballot was ordered. Pres-

ident Ranseen declining a re-election, the ballot was confined to those who had received the next highest number of votes. Later in the session the tellers reported the election of the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., as President of the General Council. In a few well chosen words the newly elected President assumed the duties of his office.

The tellers on the election of Corresponding Secretaries reported the re-election of the Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., English; the Rev. C. G. Fischer, German; and the Rev. A. W. Stark, Swedish Corresponding Secretary.

The tellers on election of Recording Secretaries reported the re-election of the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., English Secretary, and the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., German Secretary, and the election of the Rev. L. Holmes, D.D., L.H.D., as Swedish Secretary.

As the result of the election, the following are the

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

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German Recording Secretary—The Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.
Swedish Recording Secretary—The Rev. L. Holmes, D.D., L.H.D.
English Corresponding Secretary—The Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D.
German Corresponding Secretary—The Rev. C. G. Fischer.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary—The Rev. A. W. Stark.
Treasurer—William H. Staake, Esq.
Vice-Presidents—The Presidents of the District Synods, except the one from which the President is chosen, are, ex-officio, the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

APPLICATION AND RECEPTION OF SYNODS.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia made application to be received into this body. Their applications were handed to the following committee: The Revs. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., G. C. F. Haas, D.D., C. A. Evald, D.D., P. S. Zieber, Esq., and J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

In the second session the Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., chairman of the committee, presented the following report which was adopted, the delegates of the synods were received and their names entered on the roll of the Council:

The Committee on the Reception of Synods respectfully reports that two applications were placed in our hands: one from the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England," and the other from the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia."

As both these synods have complied with the required conditions of adopting the Fundamental Articles of Faith and Church Polity and ratifying the Constitution of the General Council, and have adopted Constitutions in accord therewith, and their pastors and congregations have been honorably dismissed from the synods with which they were formerly connected, we recommend that these synods be received into organic connection with the General Council, and their accredited delegates be admitted to membership in this convention.

The delegates of the Synod of New York and New England are: Rev. W. F. Bacher (President), Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., Rev. C. Armand Miller, Rev. H. D. Spaeth, Hon. C. A. Schieren, Wm. Hengerer, Hon. H. Martin and J. F. Dinkey.

The delegate of the Synod of Nova Scotia is the President of that body, Rev. Jacob Maurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Fry,
Geo. C. F. Haas,
Carl A. Evald,
Philip S. Zieber,
J. Boyd Duff.

The English Secretary was instructed to have a correct list of the names of the delegates to the convention printed for the use of the members.

William H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer, presented his bi-ennial report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

General Expense Fund.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Dr.

The said accountant charges himself with the following amounts received by him since the date of the last audit in 1901.

1901.				
Sept. 30.	To cash,	Board of Publications.....	$ 25	00
1902.				
Feb. 17.	"	" Chicago Synod, on account of apportionment	40	64
June 7.	"	" Ministerium of Pennsylvania, apportionment	532	00
July 15.	"	" Augustana Synod, apportionment....	402	15
Aug. 25.	"	" Isaiah Whitman, Treasurer Chicago Synod	57	45
Oct. 6.	"	" Ministerium of Pennsylvania, balance due on apportionment.....	4	00

Nov. 22.	To cash,	Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of New York		$100 00	
Dec. 24.	"	"	Pittsburgh Synod	229 80	
Dec. 30.	"	"	Canada Synod	25 00	
1903.					
July 8.	"	"	German Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	2 39	
Aug. 24.	"	"	English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest	38 30	
					$1,456 73

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The said Treasurer craves credit and allowance for the following disbursements made by him:

	By cash overdrawn at last audit			$110 51	
1901.					
Sept. 14.	"	"	Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., for Secretarial expenses in connection with the Lima Convention of the General Council	25 00	
Oct. 17.	"	"	Rev. F. B. Bossart, for Janitor services at Lima, Ohio	10 00	
1902.					
June 7.	"	"	E. F. Ochs & Bro., account of printing English Minutes ($621.05)	250 00	
June 7.	"	"	The Wartburg Printing House, account bills of $424.30 and $79, making $503.30, for printing, etc., of German Minutes	250 00	
June 7.	"	"	Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., expenses as a delegate	40 00	
July 30.	"	"	E. F. Ochs & Bro., account printing English Minutes	200 00	
July 30.	"	"	Wartburg Printing House, account bills as above	100 00	
July 30.	"	"	Rev. Alfred Bergin, traveling expenses as official visitor to Icelandic Synod	14 56	
Sept. 20.	"	"	E. F. Ochs & Bro., account of printing English Minutes, as above	100 00	
Nov. 22.	"	"	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., for Wartburg Printing House, account of printing German Minutes	50 00	
Nov. 22.	"	"	E. F. Ochs & Bro., account of printing English Minutes, as above	50 00	
Dec. 26.	"	"	E. F. Ochs & Bro., balance for printing English Minutes. $21.05 500 copies of General Council directory 70.40	91 45	
Dec. 26.	"	"	Wartburg Printing House balance of bill for printing of German Minutes $24.30 Postage and expressage for mailing German Minutes and translation 79 00	103 30	
1903.					
Jan. 26.	"	"	W. A. Rafferty, acknowledgments and cash expended in re Letter of Attorney to Rev. A. S. Fichthorn	3 25	

Mch. 24.	"	"	Rev. F. Beer, traveling expenses as delegate	$ 50 00	
Mch. 24.	"	"	Cash paid for typewriting, etc., copies of reports	5 00	
					$1,453 07
			Balance on hand		3 66
					$1,456 73

The report was received and handed to an auditing committee, consisting of the Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., and Messrs. W. Steinmeyer and L. W. Kaufmann. In the fifth session, this committee, through its chairman, the Rev. Dr. G. A. Brandelle, reported as follows:

The above account has been examined and found correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

G. A. Brandelle,
W. Steinmeyer,
Louis W. Kaufmann.

Norristown, October 10, 1903.

The English Secretary presented the report of the executive committee on unfinished business. The report, with a slight change in the time of the business sessions, was adopted, as here follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee presents the following report of unfinished business and other matters for consideration and action during this convention of the General Council:

I.—Unfinished Business.

1.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

P. 62. The Board of Foreign Missions was instructed to engage the services of an experienced man for the India Mission for a term of years.

P. 63. The Board was directed to recall the senior missionary.

2.—GENERAL COUNCIL EXPENSE FUND.

P. 72. The Sum of $1,800 was to be apportioned to Synods for general expenses of the Council.

3.—DISCUSSIONS.

P. 17. The Luther League Theses were laid on the table to be taken up at the pleasure of the Council.

Pp. 17 and 175. The Theses on "Marriage in Its Relation to Divorce" were made the special order for Friday morning.

4.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Pp. 81 and 84. "Bible Readings" to be added to the Sunday-school Series.
Pp. 82 and 84. Constitution for Sunday-schools.
Pp. 83. "Bible History" in German to be prepared.
Pp. 83 and 84. Primary Sunday-school Paper in German.
P. 86. Instruction to Sunday-school Literature Committee.
P. 86. List of books for Sunday-school libraries.
P. 114. Scholars' Quarterly Lessons to be issued in monthly parts.

5.—PUBLICATION MATTERS.

Pp. 83 and 84. The Board to purchase Primary Sunday-school paper from Mrs. Weiskotten.
P. 114. The Board to issue stock certificates.
Pp. 157 and 158. Little Children's Book without music.

6.—CONFERENCES WITH OTHER BODIES.

P. 103. Conference with General Synod.
P. 140. General Conference.
P. 173. General Council's relation to Lutheran General Conference.

7.—CATECHISM.

Pp. 157 and 158. Uniformity in use of catechism.
P. 174. Dr. Trabert's resolution concerning catechism.

8.—CHURCH MUSIC COMMITTEE.

P. 155. Summer school of music.
P. 159. Book of churchly anthems.

9.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

P. 123. Assign place for report.
P. 123. Instructions to committee.

10.—MISSIONARY TRACTS.

Pp. 157 and 158. Publication of Missionary Tracts referred to Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

II.—Matters in Minutes of District Synods Referred to the General Council.

Referred to a committee, whose report was presented in the Eighth Session and action taken.

III.—Hours of Meeting.

Business Sessions, 9 A. M. to 12 M.; 2 to 5 P. M.; Evening Services, 7.30 P. M.

IV.—Order of Business.

Friday Morning.

Discussion of Theses on "Marriage and Its Relation to Divorce."
Board of Foreign Missions.
Board of Porto Rican Mission.

Friday Afternoon.

Board of English Home Missions.
Board of German Home Missions.

Board of Swedish Home Missions.
Board of Immigrant Missions.
Church Extension Society.

Saturday Morning.
Reception of Official Visitors from other General Bodies.
Board of Publication.
Trustees of the General Council.
Unfinished Business.

Monday Morning.
Reports of Official Visitors to other General Bodies.
Deaconess Work.
Conference with General Bodies.
Church Book Committee.
Committee on Sunday-school Work.
Reports of Special Committees.

Monday Afternoon.
Committee on Education.
General Conference.
Committee on Relation to Lutheran General Conference.
Co-operation with General Synod.
Jewish Mission Work.

Tuesday Morning.
Lutheran Church Music.
Archivarius.
Divorce and Re-marriage.
Statistics.
Reports of Special Committees.

Tuesday Afternoon.
Reports of Special Committees.
Constitution, Official Declarations, etc.
Appointment of Official Visitors to other Bodies.
Appointment of Standing Committees.
Selection of Place for next Convention.

V.—Official Reporters.

The Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., assisted by the Revs. D. M. Kemerer and W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.

S. E. OCHSENFORD, *Secretary.*

RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATE FROM THE IOWA SYNOD.

The Rev. Prof. W. Proehl, delegate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and other States, appeared on the floor of the Council and was accorded the privileges of the floor during the convention. He presented the greetings of his Synod and spoke

of the close relation of the Iowa Synod to the General Council, and of the bond of unity existing between the two bodies. President Schmauk and, at his request, the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth responded to the greetings of the representative from Iowa.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth, for the Board of Directors, extended an invitation to the members of the Council to attend the anniversary of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse of Deaconesses on Thursday, October 15. On motion of the Rev. Dr. S. A. Ziegenfuss the invitation was thankfully accepted.

The pastor of Trinity Church, the Rev. Dr. Ernst Pfatteicher, informed the members of the Council that the Lutheran congregations of Norristown had arranged for a pilgrimage to the Trappe, and extended an invitation to the Council to visit this historic place of the Lutheran Church on Saturday afternoon. The congregations had provided free transportation for the delegates. On motion of the Rev. Dr. M. C. Ranseen the invitation was thankfully accepted and Saturday afternoon fixed for the visit.

The President appointed the following committee on the report of the former President: The Revs. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., F. J. F. Schantz, D.D., L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., and E. Aug. Miller, Esq., and Mr. Robert Erikson.

By action of the Council the order of business was changed in order to hear the report of the Emigrant Missionary at New York. The report was presented and the appointment of the missionary confirmed. The Rev. G. Doering, Missionary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE EMIGRANT MISSIONARY

FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS ENDING WITH JUNE 30, 1903.

Notwithstanding the rather unfavorable circumstances under which our Emigrant Mission had to labor during the last year, and notwithstanding the sad visitation the Lord permitted to come over our Mission on December 1, 1902, we humbly and gratefully confess: "The Lord has done all things well!"

The work of our Mission has been carried on as heretofore and, as we confidently hope, not without God's blessing. It is true, the German emigration has somewhat increased during the last year, but the regulations on Ellis Island, the landing-place for steerage

passengers, lately rendered more severe, have made themselves felt in our house in a measure, that they have limited the number of our guests considerably. Since the time we rendered our last biennial report 8,741 persons passed through our house so closely connected with our mission work, all of whom were welcomed, entertained, counseled and in case of need assisted in a true Christian way. On February 10, 1903, your Missionary took charge of his duties under prospects not too promising for a new beginner. But with the help of God and the kindness of his fellow-missionaries he found his way through. He most thankfully acknowledges the assistance and wise counsels rendered to him by the worthy members of the board.

Having been well received on Ellis Island, your Missionary enjoys the freedom of all departments accessible to all missionaries, that he is enabled to discharge his duties undisturbed, and possesses the confidence and special favor and counsel of the Commissioner of Emigration and his officers. To picture the manifold work and the great misery among the poor emigrants would lead too far at this time. Suffice it to know, that the Missionary almost daily distributes New Testaments, Christian almanacs, church papers, mission monthlies and tracts, giving also pecuniary assistance to those deepest in distress. Nineteen hundred and eighty-one persons were our beneficiaries during the past two years; they received shelter and board free of charge, whilst in 310 cases the cash sum of $287.11 was distributed.

The main object of our Mission is of course, and always will be, to salute and welcome the strangers in the name of Christ and His Church. Every morning and evening those entrusted to our care gather in our chapel for devotional services consisting of singing, Scripture lessons and prayer. Sundays we hold regular services with preaching. Pleasing is the great number of letters in which those who enjoyed the privileges, the aid and protection of our Mission, express their gratitude to us, and which at the same time are proof of the blessed work done by our Mission, which deserves to become more known in and to be supported more liberally by the Church. If it had not been for the fact, that the treasury of the Emigrant House had aided the Mission with about $400, our good work would have been limited considerably. Our pastors and congregations could further our mission cause far more if they would bear in mind that the business branch of our house

ultimately serves the Mission, and with this aim in view we invite our brethren to lend us a helping hand by patronizing our Emigrant House as much as possible.

The welfare of our immigrating fellow-believers demands that our work become more known also in the old country. Therefore we deem it wise for the venerable General Council to send a delegate to the Lutheran Conference to be held at Leipsic next fall, to represent our work. The benefit of such a representation as to our immigrants as also to our church in this country would in time be evident.

Besides his special duties as Missionary and House-father, your servant has ample opportunities to make himself useful to almost everybody. He sometimes has to care for orphans and half-orphans, quite often he helps to find work for the idle, he serves as a reporter to fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers on the other side; for many an industrious and saving youth he is the cashier and keeper of bank books.

The correspondence of the House numbered over 7,200 letters, postals and telegrams, and as many or more answers, and was looked after by the Missionary and his efficient Secretary, Mr. Erich Steffen, who has served the House with praiseworthy faithfulness nearly 16 years.

With humble thanks to the Lord for His grace and mercy, we put our work into His future care, knowing that He will not forsake His children.

Respectfully submitted,

G. DOERING, *Missionary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission Board of the General Council.

For the two years from July 1, 1901, *to July* 1, 1903.

1901, July 1, Balance in Treasury for Immigrant Mission..		$10 10	
Balance in Treasury for Poor Immigrants.....		91 79	$101 89
RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.			
Donations received from Synods, Congregations, Sunday-schools, Societies, etc.....	$685 51		
Donations from the Emigrant-House.....	399 72		1085 23
RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.			
Donations, as above.....			712 20
Total.....			$1899 32

DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Salary of Missionary, Rev. H. J. Berkemeier	$675 00	
To Mrs. H. J. Berkemeier	180 00	
Salary of Missionary, Rev. G. Doering, Feb. 10 to July 1	143 87	
To the Immigrant Mission, Bremen	75 00	
Miscellaneous: Books, etc	20 00	1093 87

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

1981 Meals to Poor Immigrants	$394 86	
310 Cases of Assistance to Poor Immigrants	287 11	681 97
Total		1775 84
1903, July 1, To Balance for Immigrant Mission	$ 1 46	
Balance for Poor Immigrants	122 02	123 48
Total		$1899 32

FRIEDRICH KRACKE, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. D. BOSCHEN,
MARTIN WULFF.

New York, July 1, 1903.

By special permission the Missionary addressed the Council on the subject of the Emigrant Mission. On motion of the Rev. Dr. F. E. W. Peschau, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary or some representative of the Board of Emigrant Missions be urged to visit the congregations of Synods connected with the General Council, with a view of presenting the cause to the people.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, the English Secretary was instructed to have the paper, prepared by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs for discussion on Friday morning, printed for the use of the members of the body.

The Council adjourned, at 5 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. Dr. C. A. Evald, of the Augustana Synod.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, October 9, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. Nicum, D.D., of the Ministerium of New York.

The minutes were read and approved.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. To audit the Treasurer's Report:—The Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D., Messrs. Wm. Steinmeyer and L. W. Kaufmann.

2. On matters referred to Council by Synods:—The Revs. G. C. F. Haas, D.D., G. H. Trabert, D.D., and M C. Horine, D.D.

The Rev. Prof. J. Fry, D.D., chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Reception of New Synods. The report was adopted, as it appears on a preceding page, and the names of the delegates were entered on the roll.

In place of the discussion of the theses on "Marriage and Its Relation to Divorce," the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented the following resolutions which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry, were substituted for the theses, to be made the basis for discussion. Following are the

RESOLUTIONS OF DR. JACOBS.

Whereas, The great and increasing disregard of the plain teaching of the Holy Scriptures concerning the nature of the marriage covenant, demands the serious consideration of all Christian people, their most earnest protests against all violations of God's Law, and their hearty co-operation in all measures that would remedy the evil;

Resolved, That we deem it the solemn duty of all pastors to instruct their congregations concerning the permanency of the marriage relation, and to warn against its violation or disparagement, as a crime against God, that cannot be mitigated or apologized for by any defects of the civic laws or any lowering of the standard prescribed in God's Word on the part of the community around them, or those who may be regarded leaders of public opinion.

2. That this testimony should be given not only when some notorious violation of God's Law attracts general attention, but in frequent instructions and admonitions from the pulpit, even where no occasion for it seems to be immediately urgent; and especially with all fidelity and earnestness in the instruction of catechumens.

3. That we regard every pastor who performs a marriage ceremony as testifying, by that very act, that, so far as he has had the opportunity of discovering, after earnest endeavors to ascertain the facts, said marriage is regular and in accordance with God's Word; and that it is our conviction, further, that in invoking God's blessing upon the union, he becomes participant in the guilt, if he be without reasonable assurance that both parties to the contract comply with the Divine requirements.

4. That we teach that the licenses, issued by the State, and compliance with every civil requirement, while indispensable, cannot of themselves be a guide to the conscience of either pastors or individual Christians; and the distinction between the standards that avail before man and before God, should never be forgotten. Nor can the State by its enactments and permission ever legitimate what the Word of God condemns.

5. *That assuming it as an evident fact that those who clearly transgress the divine prohibitions cannot remain in the fellowship of the Church, we deem it further our duty to warn our people, and especially our youth, against all close friendship and intimate association with those who, whatever may be the approbation of the world, and their social standing, transgress in this particular.

6. *That, in the opinion of this General Council, every movement to promote a general uniformity of legislation in our various State governments is worthy of hearty encouragement, in the interests of sound morality, so that ultimately the prescriptions concerning marriage and divorce may be the same in all the States and Territories of the United States.

The first four resolutions were separately considered; the first, second and third were approved; the fourth was amended and approved. With reference to the fifth and sixth resolutions it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the further consideration of resolutions five and six be deferred until such time as the Council shall have considered the theses on "Marriage and Its Relation to Divorce."

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. Pending the reading of this report the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, October 9, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., of the New York and New England Synod.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

The reading of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, pending at the time of adjournment, was resumed, the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn reading the report. Following is the

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*The consideration of the fifth and sixth resolutions was deferred by action of the Council.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America:

The Board of Foreign Missions, as constituted by the last convention of this body, was charged with responsibilities of an exceptional character, having been re-organized to insure a revision of methods and the execution of a program which the General Council itself prescribed.

Since the meeting of the Council, four of the sixteen members then appointed, have resigned, viz: William H. Staake, Esq., treasurer, because of inability to attend the meetings of the Board; Mr. Albert Oetinger, because of increased responsibilities in another benevolent organization in which he has exacting duties; and Rev. J. J. Heischman, D.D., and Mr. James Dangler, of Brooklyn, N. Y., because, after seventeen months' trial, they found it impossible to be present at the meetings, except at long intervals. While the Board deeply regretted the withdrawal of these members, they could not do otherwise than accept the resignations. The business committed to it is of such a nature that an intelligent exercise of the duties of membership is possible only by close familiarity with the details of the matters considered, and regular attendance at the meetings. Such regular attendance on the part of those living at a distance from the place of meeting is impossible unless provision be made for their traveling expenses. This was accordingly done.

William H. Staake, Esq., had served as treasurer during the entire period of twenty-five years embraced in his treasurership of the General Council, at the time of his resignation. He had not only served gratuitously, but the discharge of the duties of the office had involved no small expense on his part annually. In accepting his resignation, the Board placed on record a minute testifying to its appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Mr. Albert Oetinger had been for several years the English Recording Secretary, and had cheerfully met all the duties of that laborious office.

Mr. W. F. Monroe, of Philadelphia, was elected to fill the vacancy caused at the very beginning of our term by the resignation of Mr. Staake.

Philip S. Zieber, Esq., of Reading, Pa., was elected treasurer in place of Mr. Staake, and, like his predecessor, has discharged the duties of the office without any remuneration. At his suggestion, a bond, on his behalf, for $3,000, was entered by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Md., the expense of said bond being paid out of our treasury.

The Board as first organized elected the following officers: President, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.; English Recording Secretary, Albert Oetinger; German Recording Secretary, Conrad Itter; Treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq.

On the withdrawal of Mr. Oetinger, Mr. James M. Snyder succeeded him as English Recording Secretary, and has efficiently discharged the duties of the office for the last eighteen months.

The meetings have been held generally on the first Thursday of each month, with a number of special meetings. Six of these meetings covered an entire day each, with sessions both in the morning and afternoon. The attendance was most gratifying, since, especially on the part of some of the laymen, important business and professional engagements had to be arranged in order to insure their presence. There was rarely an absence on the part of the thirteen members who remained throughout the greater part of the two years.

The Board, as reconstituted, finding no rules for its organization, adopted by-laws, which, with the Revised Rules, are submitted in the Appendix to this Report.

The treasurer was relieved of the duty of receiving and disbursing moneys for our missionary papers. Rev. H. Grahn, D.D., was constituted business manager of the "Missionsbote," at a salary of $200, and Rev. E. R. Cassaday of the "Foreign Missionary," at a salary of $100 per year, with instructions to receive all subscriptions, pay all bills, make monthly reports to the Board, and quarterly settlements with the treasurer.

Rev. R. Bielinski has served as editor, and Rev. Drs. A. Spaeth and H. Grahn, as assistant editors of the Missionsbote, which has maintained its large subscription list, and shows, as in former years, a large balance of receipts over expenses, besides being a medium through which a very large amount of contributions reaches our treasury. The Foreign Missionary has been edited by Rev. Dr. E. E. Sibole, with the assistance of Rev. E. R. Cassa-

day, and has paid expenses. The thanks of the Church are due these brethren for their gratuitous service as editors.

The Board, after a most careful examination of the subject, which is embodied in an extensive report on the Minutes, did not feel justified in continuing the office of Superintendent, since its maintenance was found to involve the expenditure of about ten per cent. of the income of our treasury, and its duties were not really those of superintendence, but almost exclusively of collections and the diffusion of information among a very limited number of congregations. In dispensing with the office, the Board duly recognized the zeal and fidelity with which for nearly ten years, excepting two interruptions, the Rev. Dr. J. Telleen had discharged its duties. In taking this action, the Board had also in view the need which must come, sooner or later, of providing for one or more executive and administrative officers. The visitation of synods, conferences, congregations, societies, etc., the Board has endeavored to effect in other ways. The Rev. Dr. J. H. Harpster was sent out on such a tour during the spring and summer of 1902. The Rev. H. E. Isaacson, who returned to America last May, will be employed in such work during a large portion of his stay here. A number of the synods of the General Council have been visited this spring by representatives of the Board. Typewriters and clerks have been employed at a small outlay, to send out circulars, mission-boxes, tracts, etc., and to do other clerical work.

As it is very desirable that all the minutes, correspondence, etc., of the Board be available at its meetings, as well as for the use of its officers at other times, the Board has been negotiating with the Board of Publication for a room in its building.

A series of tracts has been begun. Four prepared by Rev. R. Bielinski have already appeared in the German language. In this connection, reference may also be made to the fact that the Rev. Preston A. Laury, of Perkasie, Pa., contributes to our treasury the premiums accruing to him from his excellent History of Lutheran Missions.

From the organization of the Board and its inner administration we turn to the field:

The first duty incumbent upon it was to communicate to the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., the senior missionary, the order of the last General Council, recalling him. In communicating this re-

call, the Board's duty was purely executive. It was not for it, without your instructions, to accompany the recall with explanations or expressions of regret, or testimonials to the character of past service. The General Council had instructed us simply to execute its order; and this was done. The Board also interpreted the recall, as ordered by the General Council, not as a dismissal, but as a summons to withdraw from the field, and to return to America, for the further consideration of the case. The letter of recall, adopted by the Board November 7th, 1901, directed the transfer of all books, papers, accounts, moneys and properties to the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, treasurer, by February 1st, 1902, in order that Dr. Schmidt might leave India as soon as possible after that date. Nine hundred dollars were sent to defray the traveling expenses of Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their daughter. The Board afterwards realized the fact that it had not made sufficient allowance for the settlement of accounts, the transfer of property and the completion of two churches which he had begun to build with trust money, donated by a generous friend of missions in one of our congregations. The time was lengthened, therefore, to August 1st, 1902.

The recall which reached Dr. Schmidt on Christmas Day was not officially acknowledged until January 21st, 1902. In his reply he interprets the recall as a dismissal, and after alleging the impossibility of complying with the summons to settle his affairs in so short a time, and return, makes two definite propositions, including under them a number of specifications, which are quoted and answered in the subjoined letter, written by the President, after the Board had instructed him in regard to each point covered. We regret the necessity of burdening the Council with so many details, some of them humiliating because of their littleness, but as your stewards, it is our duty to acquaint you with the process in full, through which our decisions have been reached in regard to matters concerning which this body has been much agitated, and the desire for information has been general. The Board has nothing to withhold, if the Council have the patience and the desire to hear it.

"Mt. Airy, Phila., March 14, 1902.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.

Dear Doctor: In answer to your proposition of January 21st, the Board wishes me, first of all, to remind you of the fact, which you seem to have

overlooked, that you are in its employ, pledged to obedience to its rules, and subject to its directions. As long as you retain charge of any portion of the field, it is not in order for you to dictate terms to the Board. The Board, however, desires to do you full justice, and, therefore, answers your suggestions as follows:

You have presented two propositions. The former of these contains six items.

I. [Proposition.]

1. 'Your Board let me finish the Bhimavaram and Mahadevapatnam churches, and, during that time, let me keep oversight of the Bhimavaram District.'

To this, the Board answers that, inasmuch as an extension of your time of service to July 31st, will furnish ample opportunity for this work, we approve of the proposition, it being understood that, during such period, you shall confine your attention to Bhimavaram alone, and that, on Aug. 1, 1902, it shall be transferred as the Board may further determine.

2. 'I occupy the Riverdale house, whilst I gradually make over to my successor the Bookstore, Printing Office, Carpentery and Blacksmith shop, or so much of it, as you wish to retain. Whatever of tools, implements or stock I have bought with my own money, you want to keep, you buy at a fair price.'

Answer: The Board allows you to occupy the Riverdale house until Aug. 1, 1902. An inventory and appraisement of tools, implements, stock, etc., is to be taken, according to instruction sent to Mr. Isaacson, and such purchases are to be made as are approved by the judgment of the missionaries.

3. 'You pay my full salary to the end of this year, in addition to the passage money already paid.'

Answer: The Board will pay your salary as missionary in charge of the Bhimavaram District, up to Aug. 1st, provided the conditions herein named be fulfilled on your part; said salary not to be due, until a full statement be given by you of all moneys received and properties held by you in trust, and until transfer has been made of all moneys and properties, as directed by the Board, and you withdraw from our Mission territory. It is also understood that the passage money sent you, having been intended to defray the cost of your return, and that of your family, to Europe and America, is not yours, unless used for said purpose. The Board credits itself and charges you with that amount, unless it be so used, and, should you remain in India after Aug. 1st, will deduct said sum from all salary due upon fulfilment of the other conditions prescribed in the agreement. We credit you, however, with the amount sent for Miss Schmidt's passage money, provided she so use it, even though you should not yourself return.

4. 'You pay my daughter's salary for the time she has had charge of the work left by Miss Swenson.'

Answer: The Board highly appreciates the services voluntarily assumed and rendered by Miss Schmidt. While it is contrary to all business principles to acknowledge any debt where the person is not called in due form and order, and compensation agreed upon, nevertheless, as a testimonial to her voluntary and faithful services, the Board believes itself justified in offering her a bonus of four hundred dollars; also payable when you shall have fulfilled the conditions of this agreement. Attention is also called to the fact that, since she is not a minor, she could not claim the passage money, and that must also be considered, in estimating the amount thus granted.

5. 'I claim a full statement of the accusations brought against me, and that you give me a chance to answer them before an impartial tribunal.'

Answer: The recall having been ordered by the General Council and not by the Board; and the Council not having given the Board any statement of the reasons for its action, or authority to review the same, it is not in the power of the Board to comply with this request. It can only assure you that, upon your return in obedience to the recall, every facility to present your side of the case shall be given. The General Council's positive order precludes the appointment of an arbiter or committee of arbitration, to make any investigation or decision in India.

6. 'I also must ask some security that your missionaries cannot treat Rev. James in the same way that they treated Rev. Joseph, whom they deposed.'

Answer: Of such action the Board knows nothing . . Your request that the Board give you such security is out of place in a subordinate.

II. As to your alternative.

'You recall me, and I recall my offer of the Riverdale ground, which was never ratified. You pay me for the land at the rate which the Government paid you for inferior land, which was taken for the railroad. If you hesitate to pay this in a lump sum, you may pay us a fair interest, 6 per cent. on the capital, which shall relapse to the Mission after I and my wife have died.'

Answer: Concerning the offer and transfer of property, the Board has the following evidence:

'1. January 26, 1880. Resolved, That Rev. Schmidt build a house as the property of the Mission. This house shall stand, if possible, upon the grounds belonging to the Mission. It shall not be expensive, but correspond to our other buildings.'

'2. May 31, 1880. Resolved, That Rev. Schmidt undertake the building of a house in his garden; that the house shall be built at our expense, and that the ground around it be bought by us. Only when this second point is arranged, shall its erection be commenced.'

'3. As far as the committee now sees, Mr. Schmidt may live in the house. Yet we cannot bind ourselves for the future, because all plans concerning the Mission are liable to undergo changes.'

'4. March 28, 1881. The English Secretary shall write to Dr. Schmidt, and inquire as to the title of the house; for the Mission is to be the owner of the house.'

'5. October 25, 1882. Resolved to accept the offer of Rev. Schmidt to give the ground upon which the Mission house stands to the Mission; secondly, that the necessary papers be made out by legal authority.' (Translation of German Protocol.)

We direct your attention also to the published English Minutes of the General Council:

'1. Brother Schmidt has been authorized to erect a new building for a missionary on the lot purchased by him some years ago, which lies on the bank of the river, contains four acres, is near to the chief buildings of the Europeans, and deemed as healthful and desirable a location as is to be found. The erection of a house at the cost of the Mission is authorized on the condition of the sale or secured to the Mission of so much of the ground as shall be needed.' (Greensburg Convention, 1880, p. 12.)

'2. The new dwelling for the present occupancy by Dr. Schmidt and the permanent use of the Mission, has been completed. The entire cost has been $2,276. The beautiful ground, on which it stands on the banks of the Godavery, in a very eligible position, are a present to the Mission from the Rev. H. C. Schmidt and wife. The thanks of the Church have been conveyed to them. (Lancaster, O., Convention, 1882, p. 48.)'

We cannot conceive how, with this evidence, you can question the validity of this offer, and its formal acceptance and ratification by the Board and Council. We can justly demand that, if since, as an agent of this Board, you have failed to make the legal transfer, according to your generous offer and repeated promise, no time be lost now in making the transfer. . . . The Board, however, recognizes gratefully your many years of arduous service and the indebtedness of the Church for the economy with which you have administered your office; it is also not indifferent to some provision for your old age. We can readily understand how, in making the offer and consenting to the terms, in which the General Council distinctly and explicitly retained the right, without any conditions, of determining who of its missionaries should hereafter have the use of the property, you confidently expected and, until the action of the General Council, have continued to expect that Riverdale would be your home for life. On this account, we desire, upon your conceding the legality and validity of the ownership of the land by the General Council, to be as generous towards you as fidelity to our trust allows.

As a simplified mode of making a complete settlement and an equivalent for what you would otherwise claim, this Board is not averse to seriously considering your second proposition, provided we have an exact statement from you as to the cost it would involve. The understanding would be, of course, that no money offered you according to the several items of your former alternative, would be accorded, should the second proposition be accepted.

As an absolute prerequisite for the fulfilment of any of these offers, the Board insists that you make complete and prompt payment of the balance that you acknowledge to be in your hands as the recent treasurer of the Mission. No explanation that you intend to apply any of these funds to the payment of expenses in your district, can, for a moment, be entertain-

ed. Such payment can be received only at the proper time from the treasurer; and that, too, upon the order of the Board. Your business experience is too wide for you to be ignorant that such withholding of funds, entrusted to your care, will be adjudged malfeasance in office.

We are sincerely anxious that you should not tarnish your reputation by such course. We hope to hear, therefore, that you have made payment in full of the balance, at the earliest moment after the arrival of this communication.

By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council,

HENRY E. JACOBS, *President.*"

The last item of the above letter, referring to information communicated to the Board by the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, our treasurer, was already met by Dr. Schmidt's compliance with this part of our demand in paying over the balance of cash in his hands. The accounts, however, still await audit. Seven months elapsed until Dr. Schmidt's definite proposition, in answer to the above letter, reached us. In this letter of September 22d, 1902, Dr. Schmidt says:

"My recall by the Board from its service in India means to me something far different from what it would be to any other missionaries. I have spent 32 years of my life in the Board's service in India. That has been my life-work, and the only work I am now competent to do. I have no home, no relatives and no intimate friends in America, and there is no work in that country which I can take up. It is equally impossible for me to get work in Europe. To recall me is, therefore, practically to render me destitute. Such savings as I have been able to make are invested in India, and I must remain in this country to look after these investments, if they are to be of any benefit to me. Practically, therefore, my recall seems to me a dismissal, without any adequate provision for my wife and myself. Further, a most undeserved and serious slur has been cast on my character owing to the circumstances under which I was recalled. I have reason to believe that unjust accusations were made against me in my absence, and my recall, immediately after these accusations were made, inevitably resulted in the general belief that these charges were substantiated. Under these circumstances, I earnestly submit that I am likely to lose, by reason of my recall, not only the means of subsistence, but also, what is of far more importance to me, my good name and reputation.

"My first request is that I may be given an opportunity to clear my character. It is impossible for me, for financial reasons, to come to America for that purpose. The Board has offered to me my passage there, but no provision has been made to pay my expenses in America, or my passage back to India. I submit that the least I can ask for, is to be furnished with a statement of the grounds on which I was recalled.

"Although I learn from your letter the General Council has not furnished your Board with any statement of the reasons for its order direct-

ing my recall, I respectfully ask that the Board should apply to the General Council for a statement of its reasons, and furnish me with a copy of the same, to enable me to state my side of the case, and thus rehabilitate my character. The action of the General Council, for all I know, may not have been caused by any conviction of misbehavior on my part, but may have been merely due to the wish to inaugurate a new policy. If that is the case, I merely ask the favor of some assurance from your Board that my recall involves no reflection on my character or my conduct as your employee.

"I am grateful for the assurance conveyed in your letter that the Board recognizes gratefully my many years of arduous service, and is willing to make provision for my old age. I wish to make no extravagant request, and I should be quite satisfied with what is allowed to old missionaries in certain other missions in India, viz: an income for myself and wife of about Rs. 1800 a year, or one-half my previous salary. If the Board will please to guarantee the payment of an annuity to my wife and myself, or the survivor, during life, of this sum, under a formal document, I am quite prepared to transfer to the Board by a duly executed conveyance my interest in the Riverdale property. I am also prepared to transfer to the Board in trust the property on which the mission church in Velpur stands. Both these properties are now registered in my name. I would be prepared also to convey such lands as I have acquired which might be required by the Mission, under a formally executed deed of trust. I may mention, for the information of the Board that the Riverdale property is more than 3 acres in extent, and is now worth Rs. 2.8.0 a square yard in open market."

The Board being unwilling to accede to these terms referred the matter to the Executive Committee in India, whose chairman had already a special instruction on the subject. The result is communicated in the following from Dr. Harpster, with Dr. Schmidt's endorsement. The effect of the new proposition, it will be noticed, is to reduce by one-half the amount asked for transfer of the property.

"RAJAHMUNDRY, INDIA, Jan. 19, 1903.

TO THE REV. WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER, D.D., SEC'Y B. F. M.

Dear Doctor: In the letter of instruction given me for my guidance when I should arrive in India occurs the following:

'Dr. Harpster may note and report to the Board any proposition Dr. Schmidt may make with reference to the property which he has not yet transferred to the Mission,' etc.

In another letter, dated Oct. 31, 1902, the following instruction is given: 'Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to treat with Dr. Schmidt, first to decide what properties belong to this Board; and second, what is the just value of Dr. Schmidt's interest in any property to which our Mission has a claim and to report to this Board at what price Dr. Schmidt's interest may be purchased, itemizing the properties.'

The properties in which Dr. Schmidt claims an interest are the following:

1. The Riverdale land which he values at ..... Rs. 36,300
2. The parcel of ground once selected as a site for the Seminary and containing 30 acres, more or less, which he values at 3,000
3. The plot of ground on which the Mission Church at Velpur stands, containing 2 acres, which he values at 400
4. The land along the street opposite the Rajahm-Church, occupied by some native houses, valued at 400
5. Mission property or so much of it as required by the Mission. No value fixed. Total Rs. 40,100

All the above property Dr. Schmidt agrees to convey to the Mission, under a duly executed conveyance on the following conditions:

1. That the General Council, acting through its Board of Foreign Missions, pay to his wife and himself, or the survivor during life three hundred dollars ($300.00) annually.

2. That it pay to his daughter, Miss Dagmar Schmidt, one year's salary, viz: Five hundred dollars ($500.00).

3. That it pay him the salary which would be due him, at the rate which he has hitherto received, up to August 1st, 1902, viz: Six hundred dollars ($600.00). Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. H. Harpster.

I hold myself in readiness to carry out in good faith the above agreement, provided the General Council, through its Foreign Board, will, under a formal document, guarantee to myself and wife, or the survivor during life, the annual payment of the sum of three hundred dollars.

(Signed) H. C. Schmidt.

After mature consideration, the Board, while unwilling to concede the justice of Dr. Schmidt's claim, nevertheless realizing the fact that otherwise possession of Riverdale could be gained only by a legal process, with all its delays and uncertainties and costs and scandal among the heathen, and acting in view of the fact that the ground in question had never been bought from Dr. Schmidt, and that our entire claim rested upon a declaration which had never been legally executed, resolved:

"That in consideration of the transfer by Dr. Schmidt to the General Council, by a good and sufficient title, clear of all incumbrances, of the properties mentioned, this Board agrees that Miss Dagmar Schmidt be allowed the sum of $500, and Dr. Schmidt be allowed the sum of $600, and that the same be paid by the appropriation of $900, out of the $1,000 previously sent to Dr. Schmidt, and a cash payment to Dr. Schmidt for the balance, viz: $200; and that the Board recommend to the General Council that it agrees to pay annually to Dr. Schmidt and wife, or the survivor of them during life, $300, from the date of the conveyance of the properties and giving possession thereof.

"Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Council be requested to ratify this action."

This action was submitted accordingly to the trustees of the General Council, who concurring in its expediency, the necessary letter of attorney was executed January 26, 1903, and forwarded to the Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, as treasurer and attorney in India, for Dr. Schmidt's signature. Pending these negotiations, he removed from Rajahmundry, and gave possession of the property to the mission, but up to date of last advices from India, he has not submitted his accounts for final audit, or complied with the conditions of signing papers and finally closing the matter. Meanwhile the mission is in occupancy, and Dr. Schmidt receiving no payment of allowance. This agreement would have required your action for ratification, even if it had been executed prior to this meeting.

When the reorganized Board entered upon its duties, it had to face not only the difficulties connected with the recall of Dr. Schmidt, but a thoroughly disorganized and discouraging condition of almost the entire field, requiring probably years for bringing into a harmonious and satisfactory working order. Rev. R. Arps and wife were absent on furlough. Miss Schade was also absent on furlough, but about to return after an entirely too brief period in America. Miss Swenson was still on sick leave, and soon after resigned. Revs. Holler and Matthews had just returned. Misses Strempfer and Weiskotten were in a critical condition of health in India. Miss Sadtler's period of service was soon to expire. Rev. H. E. Isaacson was suffering from malaria, and was asking for the promised furlough which had been repeatedly postponed. The Missionary Council had been suspended and reports reached the Board only from the missionaries individually, who, without mutual conference, could not be expected to act with any degree of harmony. Distrust and suspicion were readily nurtured among a corps whose diversity of nationality and training offered the natural soil for seeds of discord. The native workers could not have the proper supervision, or be continued in very cordial co-operation with one another, when the missionaries themselves had been involved for years in the lamentable confusion that has claimed the attention of this General Council at its last two sessions.

The Board, therefore, addressed itself to the task of carrying out the instructions of the last General Council, viz:

"Even though it should involve increased expense, the Board is advised to seek the services of a man of experience and standing in the Church, who would be willing and able to labor in our Mission for a term of years. He should be a man of such wisdom and tact, that, though not put over his fellow-workers, his example would soothe the present irritation, and his experience would inform the Board and the Church.

"It is imperative that more Missionaries be sent into the field, and that they should be men and women from our own churches and speaking our own tongue."

In considering the first of these instructions, the Board felt that it could be complied with in the best way by securing an experienced missionary from another Lutheran mission laboring among the Telugus, just as, under a similar emergency, the Rev. Mr. Pohl had been secured, for a term of years, from the Brecklum Society. As the Rev. John H. Harpster, D.D., a missionary of the General Synod in the neighboring Guntur Mission, whose first term of service had been from 1872 to 1876, and who, after years of experience as a pastor in America, had served again in India from 1893 to 1901, was in this country on a furlough, and making his home on the Seminary grounds at Mt. Airy, in very close relations with some members of the Board, it was thought that our Board could not possibly make any arrangement more suitable than to secure his services in reorganizing the mission. Beside his acquaintance with the language and his personal knowledge of the field, he was able to meet with the Board, aid them with his advice, learn to know their wishes and modes of procedure, and, by visiting synods and congregations, enlist their sympathy and co-operation. It was not, however, an easy matter to secure his own consent and that of the Board he was serving, as it interfered with plans that had been formed, called for no few sacrifices on his part, and offered a most uninviting prospect in a field so thoroughly confused and discordant. But, finally, after a committee of our Board had made a presentation of our extreme need to the Board of the General Synod in Baltimore, they most cordially consented to the arrangement, notwithstanding numerous protests against it from among their constituency, in the belief that the request was such, that they could not decline it without interfering with the progress of the kingdom of God. Their resolutions communicated to us are as follows:

"1. Whereas, by reason of a combination of untoward circumstances, the mission of our brethren of the General Council at Rajahmundry, India, comprising a membership of six thousand native Christians and about seven thousand inquirers, is threatened with serious loss, if not complete disorganization, because of a present lack of experienced missionaries, and,

"2. A committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council appeared personally at our meeting, held December 10th, 1901, and made an earnest plea for fraternal assistance from this Board, asking that the services of Dr. J. H. Harpster, one of our India missionaries, be granted them for a period of not less than three years, in order that the exigencies of the crisis confronting them in the Rajahmundry field be met, and opportunity afforded for recruiting and reorganizing their mission force, and

"3. Whereas, our brother, Dr. J. H. Harpster, has declared it as his solemn conviction, after prayerful consideration of the whole matter, that the call to Rajahmundry is the call of God, and that it is his duty to undertake that work,

"Therefore, after full deliberation upon the subject in all its bearings, it is

"Resolved, That we feel it our duty to accede to the request of our brethren of the General Council's Board, in the earnest hope and belief that the serious reverses now threatening the long-established mission at Rajahmundry may thereby be averted, and very important interests of Christ's Kingdom in that field be not only conserved, but largely promoted."

This opportune action on the part of the General Synod's Board and Dr. Harpster's willingness to enter upon our service at such a time and under such conditions, were regarded as clear evidence of the Divine guidance.

The Board agreed that Dr. Harpster should receive the compensation and allowances given him by the General Synod's Board, and that these should reach him through its treasurer. His office was made that of temporary director of the Rajahmundry mission. He entered upon his duties under our Board on April 1st, 1902, visiting and addressing the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Swedish Augustana Synod, Synod of the Northwest, Chicago Synod, the commencement exercises at Rock Island, Ill., and St. Peter, Minn, various missionary and Luther League conventions, besides a large number of congregations, meeting regularly with the Board and aiding in the administrative work in this country, until his departure for India October, 16th, 1902.

In providing for the reorganization with Dr. Harpster as "temporary director," the Board looked forward to the future administration of the Mission under the Rules and Regulations, as

they had been revised in India, during the visit of the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten and with the concurrence of all the missionaries on the field, and which after being reported to the last meeting of the General Council, had been adopted, with some few amendments, chiefly on the side of greater liberality to the missionaries, by the Board. These Rules and Regulations are submitted in the appendix to this report. The chief change made in the administration in India is to transfer the responsibility for decision from the council to the executive committee, composed of a chairman appointed by the Board, one member for every seven ordained missionaries or fraction of that number in the field, elected by the missionaries and representatives of zenana sisters in the same proportion. The council which meets quarterly requires reports, audits accounts, and makes recommendations. Whatever temporary authority of an extraordinary character was committed to Dr. Harpster was intended only to prepare the way for reconstructing the entire administration in accordance with the revised rules. Just as the rules had been suspended in a particular case, years before, when the meetings of the council had been dispensed with, so until the readjustment could be effected, special legislation with respect to the emergency had to be provided.

The Rev. Andrew S. Fichthorn, pastor of Trinity church, Norristown, Pa., a delegate from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to the last convention of this body, with an experience of fifteen years in the pastorate, eight of which were passed as the beloved and faithful pastor of this congregation, after hearing at Lima, Ohio, the great need of our mission, formed the resolution that, if he were called to its service, he would certainly accept. The Board recognized in him also a "man of experience and standing in the Church, of wisdom and tact," referred to in our instructions, and after the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, of the New York Ministerium, and the Rev. W. A. Snyder, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, had been called and declined, called Mr. Fichthorn into our service, in accordance with the aforesaid instructions. In selecting Mr. Fichthorn the Board had largely in view his study of the educational problems in our field, and his presentation of its claims to the government officials and as our representative among other missions and outside circles. To him was entrusted also the treasurership, which became vacant by the return of Mr. Isaacson.

In a visit of Dr. Harpster at the close of September, 1902, to the venerable Trinity church, Lancaster, the headquarters of the Foreign Missionary administration which sent Rev. C. F. Heyer to India in 1841, he suggested that that congregation could readily support a missionary of its own if the effort were only made. Within a few days pledges for his full support were given, and the Rev. F. W. Wackernagel, of Millersville, Lancaster county, favorably known to the people from five years' pastorate in a neighboring town, was designated as the candidate. The Board gratefully accepted the offer and terms of the congregation, extended the call, and, within three weeks' time, Mr. Wackernagel was on the ocean. Mr. Wackernagel comes from a missionary family, his father having served the Basle Society in Jerusalem, and his maternal grandfather having for many years been a prominent missionary of the Church Missionary Society in Asia Minor and Palestine.

Miss Hedwig Wahlberg was called as a zenana sister, with special reference to hospital work, upon the very strong recommendation of members of the Swedish Augustana Synod, and especially of the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of that Synod. Leaving America early in August, in order to visit her home in Sweden, she joined our mission band at Naples, and accompanied them the rest of their voyage.

Miss Susan E. Monroe, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, well known in our Church for activity in benevolent work, offered her services as a zenana sister, and to provide for her own traveling expenses and support. The offer was gratefully accepted, and she went forth with the commission of the Board, to have the standing, privileges, responsibilities and special allowances of our other zenana sisters, and to labor under our Rules, but to be free to return whenever she desired.

For some time there was considerable uncertainty whether the health of Rev. R. Arps, who spent the time of his furlough in Germany with the exception of a few weeks in America, would permit his return; and, in all its arrangements for reorganizing the field, the Board was compelled to have regard to this contingency. But the rest and bracing climate of his home had the desired effect, and, with Mrs. Arps, he was able to return, in company with the rest, reaching Rajahmundry a few days before Christmas, 1902.

The farewell services in St. Mark's church, Philadelphia, October 14th, will be long remembered. In the morning, there was a full service with communion and a sermon by Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth. In the evening, with an audience crowding the church, addresses were made by the departing missionaries, Revs. Harpster, Fichthorn and Wackernagel, and the President of the Board, with a few words from the Rev. G. Scholl, D.D., Secretary of the Board of the General Synod, and sent as its representative to testify to its interest and sympathy in our work. The addresses have been published in pamphlet form with illustrations by the Rev. W. P. Cooper, assistant pastor of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia—a beautiful memorial of this inspiring occasion.

On the eve of sending forth this force for the reorganization of the mission, the following program of instructions was prepared and sent with them:

"The action of the Board appointing Dr. Harpster recites that 'he is the special agent of the Board, having a general relation to the whole mission. He will inspect all departments of the work, which will be reorganized on the basis of the Rules, as they were amended by the Board, in accordance with the suggestions of the missionaries, in consultation with the late Rev. F. W. Weiskotten. When the new Rules shall be put into operation, Dr. Harpster will be appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee.'

"It is hereby ordered by the Board that the new Rules shall be in force, from the time of the arrival of Rev. Dr. Harpster at Rajahmundry.

"Within two weeks after his arrival, the missionaries shall be called together, and shall choose their representatives on the Executive Committee. The Zenana sisters shall also choose one of their number to act on the Executive Committee, 'on all matters pertaining to their sphere of labor.'

"Dr. Harpster is hereby appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee.

"As soon as convenient, the Mission Council shall be called together, and shall organize itself according to the Rules. Its functions temporarily suspended by the Board are hereby revived.

"Rev. Mr. Isaacson, being entitled to his vacation, is permitted to take it as soon after Dr. Harpster's arrival, as, in their joint opinion, shall be deemed wise.

"The Board hereby appoints Rev. A. S. Fichthorn to succeed Rev. H. E. Isaacson as Treasurer, upon Mr. Isaacson's departure from the Mission, and Rev. H. E. Isaacson is instructed, before his departure, to transfer to Rev. A. S. Fichthorn all books, papers, moneys, accounts and other property of the Mission, and to take such further steps as shall enable Rev. Mr. Fichthorn to serve as representative in India of the Trustees of the General Council.

"That in view of the special duties assigned to the Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, as Treasurer and Superintendent of the schools, and in view also of the peculiar circumstances now existing on our field, and in connection with our work, Rules 6-10, in so far as they forbid his voting in the Mission Council, be and are hereby suspended.

"Dr. Harpster is hereby directed to take charge of the Rajahmundry District. Before and after Mr. Fichthorn assumes charge of the Seminary, he is directed to render such service in the church and town of Rajahmundry as Dr. Harpster may prescribe.

"Rev. Mr. Arps will return to the charge of the Dowlaishwaram District.

"As soon as Rev. E. Neudoerffer can hand the Boys' School and Seminary at Rajahmundry over to Rev. Mr. Fichthorn (which shall be when Dr. Harpster shall advise it), Rev. Mr. Neudoerffer shall take charge of the Tadepalligudem District, to which he is hereby appointed; and when Rev. Mr. Isaacson shall go on his vacation, Mr. Neudoerffer shall also take temporary charge of the Samulkot District.

"The care of the Bhimawaram District shall be left to the decision of the Executive Committee.

"The Board directs that, in accordance with its former action, as soon as possible plans shall be drawn, and estimates furnished, and reported to it for the Hospital at Rajahmundry. And the Board also wishes plans to be considered and reported for a suitable building for the Boys' School and Seminary.

"The Board directs that a complete report be made on the school at Peddapur . . .

"The Executive Committee is charged with seeing that all the provisions of the Rules with regard to the Council, the Conference, the estimates, the accounts, etc., be fully carried out.

"Dr. Harpster is charged 'to inspect all departments of the work.' He will visit all the districts and report to the Board the exact condition of every piece of property; investigate the titles; describe, and, if possible, furnish plans of the grounds and pictures of the buildings, and suggest such changes and repairs as need immediate attention, with estimates of cost. He will report to the Board on the methods employed, and the character of the work done, with suggestions for its extension and improvement. The Board wishes the most complete information.

"The missionaries and Zenana sisters are directed to furnish Dr. Harpster any information, for which he shall ask.

"In reference to Rev. Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Harpster is not sent out to make an investigation, nor is he to make one at Dr. Schmidt's request. Dr. Schmidt has been recalled in obedience to the General Council; the means for his return to America have been sent; and the Board has directed him to hand over his district, and all its property in his hands, and the Board is awaiting his return. Dr. Harpster may note and report to the Board any proposition Dr. Schmidt may make with reference to the property, which he has not yet transferred to the Mission or to the representative of the Trustees of the General Council.

"Dr. Harpster is especially instructed to say to the missionaries and Zenana sisters that the Board seeks their patient confidence, and looks to all of them to forget the things that are behind and to reach forth to those things that are before."

Pending these arrangements of the Board and the arrival of the new missionaries, the disposition of the field in India had been as follows: Dr. Schmidt had the superintendence of the Rajahmundry and Bhimawaram Districts, the former until the beginning of 1902, and the latter until August 1, 1902, Mr. Neudoerffer having temporary charge at Rajahmundry, and Mr. Isaacson the Bhimawaram District, beside his own District, Samulkot. Dr. Edman in addition to his own, Tallapudi District, was administering that previously in charge of Rev. R. Arps (Dowlaishwaram). Beside the native pastors, Revs. William and James, a third native, Rev. P. V. Ratnam, long and prominently known as a faithful laborer in our mission, was ordained in February, 1902. These native brethren were serving under the general direction of our missionaries. Rev. H. E. Isaacson discharged his duties as treasurer with much efficiency. Rev. E. Neudoerffer, although not having passed his final examination in Telugu, and having been in India only shortly over one year, took temporary charge of the Boys' School and Seminary, and began to preach regularly in the church at Rajahmundry. Miss Schade was again at her post as principal of the Girls' School in December, 1901. Miss Sadtler had charge of the Caste Girls' School until her departure in March, 1902, when her duties were assumed, as far as possible, by Miss Weiskotten. As will be narrated more fully hereafter, Dr. Lydia Woerner had already begun her work as medical missionary.

After the arrival of the re-enforcements to our small and distracted band, no time was lost in complying with the instructions of the Board. The Missionary Council was reorganized December 30th, 1902, with Rev. H. E. Isaacson as president, and Rev. F. W. Wackernagel as secretary. The executive committee was constituted by the election of Rev. R. Arps as representative of the ordained missionaries and Miss Schade of the zenana sisters, while Dr. Harpster assumed the position of chairman, to which he was appointed by the Board. Rev. R. Arps is the secretary.

The Missionary Conference was also convoked, the sessions beginning with the full service in Telugu and the communion, Dr. Harpster preaching the sermon. The council adjourned to meet

January 12th, 1903, and has met since then in April and July, making many recommendations to the Board, and receiving replies and instructions. It may be well to note here that the council is composed regularly of all the American and European missionaries who have passed their examinations in Telugu. The conference is composed of all the native workers, and has no legislative functions or direct connection with the Board. The effect of the new rules drawn up during the visit of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten is to transfer to the executive committee a large part of the functions hitherto exercised by the council.

Among the most important matters that have transpired have been the following: Dr. Harpster, while exercising the office of temporary director, has had charge also both of the Rajahmundry and Bhimawaram Districts. Besides conducting the correspondence with the Board, and as far as possible, complying with the Board's instructions to make thorough inspection of the field, he has had many delicate and exacting duties, of various kinds, to perform. The Rajahmundry field, as the statistics show, has not many Christians, and the number of communicants in the church that has long been our center is small. By special instruction of the Board, English services have been introduced into St. Paul's church on Sunday evenings, at which Rev. A. S. Fichthorn has regularly officiated. Church books were purchased and sent with Dr. Harpster for this service. There are not a few natives who understand English. A well-attended college is located at Rajahmundry, in which English is, to a large extent, the medium of instruction. Letters transmitted by natives of our mission to members of the Board and others in this country show a surprising familiarity with the language of America. But most of all, the missionaries themselves need the regular preaching of the Word and administration of the sacraments for their own private life. The Bhimawaram district contains the majority of the Christians in our territory, and having been the chief seat of Dr. Schmidt's work has suffered much from the confusion and conflicts of recent years. Dr. Harpster was absent from Rajahmundry for a number of weeks, beginning in February, on a tour of inspection through this district in the "Dove of Peace." Rev. R. Arps has returned to his former district, Dowlaishwaram, and, since the departure of Rev. H. E. Isaacson, has assumed the care also of Samulkot. His temporary residence is near our hospital

grounds at Halkot's garden, between Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram. Rev. E. Neudoerffer, in addition to the Tadepalligudem District to which he was assigned, has assumed also the care of the Tallapudi District, vacated by Rev. E. Edman, M.D., who is no longer in our service. The work is new to Mr. Neudoerffer, and he is just beginning to become acquainted with its details.

Much progress has been made in the medical work. A committee had been appointed by the former Board, consisting of Drs. Schmidt, Edman and Woerner to examine a site for a hospital. A report signed by Drs. Edman and Woerner, recommended a site and urged immediate action for its acquisition. The Board (November 7th, 1901) sent by cable its acceptance of the terms. The ground purchased is on the road to Dowlaishwaram, is elevated, contains eight acres, surrounded by a substantial stone wall, and includes a bungalow. It was purchased at the price of 13,000 rupees, the expense, with exception of something less than $500, being defrayed by a contribution of $2,000 each from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Swedish Augustana Synod. These two organizations, with that of a similar society, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of New York and New England, contribute $125 per year, each, towards the equipment and expenses of the work. The Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania also furnished the means for the purchase of a horse and conveyance for Dr. Woerner's many professional visits. Miss Schade generously advanced the money necessary for the first payment, until a remittance could reach Rajahmundry from the Board. The bungalow on the premises was fitted up as a residence for Miss Woerner, and a part of it furnished as a dispensary, at an expense of less than $100. Before paying over the money they had collected, the Society of the Augustana Synod, through its president, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Ewald, of Chicago, asked for certain guarantees which were satisfied by the following action:

"Resolved, 1. That in establishing a hospital at Rajahmundry, this Board has had no other purpose than to provide a hospital exclusively for women and children, and, to this end, has encouraged the efforts of the Women's societies of both the Augustana Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, knowing that the chief appeal for the existence of such

institution must be the great discrimination against women and children, in ordinary measures for medical relief in India.

"2. That, in the administration of such institution, the Board expects to place the chief responsibility upon the women who are sent out as our medical missionaries, and that, in all the business and management of said institution, they shall have the right of both voice and vote.

"3. That we shall endeavor to give due recognition to the Augustana Synod by some permanent memorial, to be determined when the plans of the building are made, attesting the part their women have taken in providing this building."

Plans for the hospital are promised in the near future.

The Boys' High School has suffered much by its frequent change of principal, and failed to meet the tests required to obtain the usual government grant. Beside grades of scholarship, the government prescribes a certain amount of furniture and apparatus. Appropriations have been made to meet every deficiency that has been reported. The Rev. A. S. Fichthorn in February relieved Rev. E. Neudoerffer who had been temporarily acting as principal, and most industriously applied himself to the discharge of all duties of his office possible for one not yet acquainted with the Telugu language, including daily Bible lessons in English. As this is the school whence we derive our native workers, teachers, catechists, evangelists and pastors, a far higher motive even than that of meeting the tests of the Indian Educational System should prompt to every possible effort to enlarge its usefulness and efficiency. With five universities in India comprising about two hundred native colleges, whose standard of graduation is said to be not less than that of the average American college, the standard we set should be such that the attainments of those trained in our schools do not incur the contempt of their educated countrymen. For years our High School has only been a suggestion of what is desired. One of the most important changes is the removal of the school to a location outside of the corrupting and squalid associations with heathenism in the very center of Rajahmundry where it now stands in an entirely insufficient building. The Board has urged and provided for plans, and hopes to have them also at an early day. An advance also is in prospect in the effort to furnish the school with highly educated Christian teachers. One of our young men, V. J. Moses, is studying for a university degree at Madras, and has gained marked distinction for his proficiency. $75 per year is

required to defray expenses of such a scholar. We can assure the friends of our mission that money contributed to such a purpose is most commendably spent.

The Girls' High School, under the efficient management of Miss Schade, receives the most favorable commendations from all sources. Miss Schade, ever ready to contribute of her own means for its advancement, has recently, with the permission and thanks of the Board, made an important addition to the building.

In these two high schools, it is well known, there are many scholarships supported by congregations, schools, societies and individuals among our people. As scholars are constantly changing, while the scholarships remain, it requires special administration to keep them filled and provided for. Mr. Fichthorn and Miss Schade have resorted to the laborious, and we fear too exacting, plan of writing a letter semi-annually to each person, congregation or society supporting a scholar. A special committee of the Board, consisting of Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn and our treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq., constitute a scholarship bureau. At the advice of an expert accountant, a card catalogue is kept, and information is readily accessible. Inquiries concerning scholarships should be made to the chairman of the committee, Dr. Horn. At the urgent suggestion of Miss Schade, the cost of a scholarship in the Girls' High School has been reduced to $15 per year. That in the Boys' High School remains $30.

At Peddapur, a city adjoining Samulkot, Rev. H. E. Isaacson has had under his charge a High School, which, without any expense to the mission, has grown to an institution of 18 teachers and 431 pupils. It is not only the prosperity of the school that attracts attention, but the fact that the constituency is composed of caste people, and that the community is one of unusual intelligence, there being no less than one hundred persons in Peddapur who have received academic degrees. This institution, now also under the general oversight of Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, it is our duty to Christianize as rapidly as possible. So far it is only a secular school. But by the erection of a suitable building, the conditions for making of it a religious institution will be fulfilled. As Dr. Harpster writes: "The school is located in the center of a vast population, and furnishes a splendid opportunity

of Christian access to the most influential class of the Hindu community."

Since the departure from India of Miss Sadtler in March, 1902, Miss Weiskotten has been giving what attention she could in connection with her labor in studying the language, in superintending the Caste Girls' School at Rajahmundry. The zenana work has suffered by the withdrawal of Miss Schmidt, whose work had been done without any stipulation of salary, and Miss Sadtler. Miss Schade has devoted such of her time as could be spared from her school to this department of the work.

Mr. Fichthorn has, in addition to superintending the schools and learning the language, been filling the office of treasurer. In order to relieve him of some of the more onerous part of his duties, a clerk has recently been provided him at a small expense.

In the history of every mission, as the General Council has experienced, there are times when the successful administration of the work imperatively requires the withdrawal of a missionary, whose judgment is not approved, and whose methods, after long trial, are found productive of confusion and of serious loss. It is painful to refer to the details connected with the return of Rev. E. Edman, M. D., with whom the Board found it impossible to treat, and who himself broke the relation subsisting between us by threatening legal prosecution for financial allowances which we could not find comprehended in the special contract under which he had been called the second time to India. While a copy of a document in Dr. Edman's possession, attested by Dr. Harpster, which was subsequently transmitted, shows that there may have been ground for Dr. Edman's misunderstanding, no answer was given to the Board's demand that the threat of prosecution be withdrawn, and apology for it made, although six months' time had been allowed for this purpose, and an increase of allowances for the future granted. Meanwhile there were acts of grave insubordination. Authority was assumed and exercised not only without any warrant from the Board, but with disregard of its express prohibitions. Especially unsatisfactory was his administration of the mission funds appropriated for his district. The Board insists that each missionary sees to it that the expenses of his district within a given time do not exceed the amount which has been appropriated. In this, the missionary mentioned entirely failed. At the close of every quarter, there were large deficits, which he jus-

tified by the urgent needs of the work (particularly the employment of more teachers) that did not allow him to wait until an appropriation could be made, and in meeting which he claimed to have spent much of his own means. While credit is due Dr. Edman for untiring industry and for the services rendered the mission by his mechanical gifts and attainments, particularly in building operations and repairs, there was no way of directing or regulating his course. Under these circumstances, we had no other resource than to decline to bear the responsibility for his continuance. All debts contracted on behalf of the mission, without authorization, had to be defrayed out of our treasury, as they would otherwise have occasioned great distress among native workers, and brought still greater discredit upon our suffering mission $560 have been expended thus far on the recommendation of the missionaries in the attempt to clear these debts. The principle that a missionary may involve a Board in debt without its sanction cannot be admitted for one moment. If one missionary may do it, all may do it, and the result soon would be the ruin of the mission. Dr. Edman reached America last May.

An incident in this connection reported by Mr. Isaacson, then treasurer, is worthy of note. The exhaustion of the treasury by the increase of expenditures, such as those above referred to, threatened a crisis, and necessitated a meeting of the entire mission force for consultation. When it was determined to dismiss a considerable number of teachers in each field, in order that the funds might reach, the teachers contributed a rupee a month for three months, to insure the retention of the entire number.

Miss Martha Strempfer, one of our zenana sisters, who had been sent out in the autumn of 1900, and had soon succumbed to the trials of the mission and the climate, after returning much improved from Konoor, where she had spent the hot season of 1902, earnestly asked in a letter of September 30th, 1902:

"Now that I am beginning Telugu, I should like you to consider the examination question. I, myself, have prayerfully considered it, and can come to no other conclusion than to have that strain removed; I mean, to be excused from taking the examinations. If, however, it would be decided that I should study for the same, it would then be wisest to *recall* me as my health would never permit me to go through another siege of illness, as I have back of me now. All the doctors I have consulted on this matter strongly forbid having such a strain to work under. Besides, there will remain a great deal when we think about the work, leaving Telugu aside. Not only have I been urged to be excused from the exam-

inations, but to ask for the homeward passage fees, as, in case I should have another sudden breakdown I would be able to go off at once, and not be kept by waiting for money."

The Board had for many months been in anxiety and distress on account of Miss Strempfer's condition. No word which they had either from Miss Strempfer herself, or from any other missionary, including the opinions of Dr. Woerner and Dr. Kugler of the Guntur hospital, in which she had for six months been an inmate, had given any encouragement whatever that Miss Strempfer would be ever fitted for vigorous work in India. This letter expressing the conviction on her part that, if she remain, it would be necessary for her to be regarded as an invalid, and that only such duty could be expected of her as would be fitted for one in a precarious condition of health, determined the Board to accede her alternative and recall her. We believed we were doing her a kindness in releasing her from all further responsibility. One hundred and fifty dollars had been paid for her invalid fees during the preceding summer, besides the expenses of Dr. Woerner to the Hills in order to care for her. The statement which appeared in print that Dr. Harpster was responsible for her recall, was without the least foundation. Miss Strempfer's letter suggesting her recall was received after our missionaries left for India, and the Board's action, which was unconditional, was taken on November 13th, while Dr. Harpster was still on the ocean. Neither was it the intention of the Board that Miss Strempfer's departure from India should be so hurried. She was expected to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson. Instead of that she made the long journey alone, and reached Philadelphia, without announcing her return to the Board or its officers, during the week after Easter. In a letter of May 4th, she writes from East Toledo, Ohio:

"I wish to express my gratitude to the Board as well as to those who uphold the mission for all that has been done for me, especially during my long illness. As I mentioned in my last letter from India, I am extremely sad that India and the great Mission Field lie at so great a distance from me. It is the work I have chosen to serve my Master in, and now, when I was at the very verge of doing more active work by using the Telugu language, I had to leave the field and the work! The work will now have to lie for another to first come and acquire the language, and then be able to work. I shall, however, work hard to uphold so great a cause, and, if it be God's will, He may some day lead me back to the work I know He called me for."

Among the most important building operations on the field are the following:

The bungalow at Dowlaishwaram, located on insecure ground, having become untenable and afterwards fallen during the absence of Rev. R. Arps, it became necessary to purchase a new site and construct a new building. The site was purchased for $500, and $2,100 have been spent for construction purposes. Much is saved by the personal supervision given by Mr. Arps to this work.

A third boat being extremely needed, because of the inability of the "Dove of Peace" to be successfully floated through the Bhimawaram District, and Dr. Harpster proposing to spend a large portion of his time touring, Rev. Mr. Arps has superintended the construction of a suitable vessel for this purpose. When completed the expense will be slightly over $600. "The Dove of Peace" will be transferred to the care of Rev. E. Neudoerffer, for whom it can still do good service in his tours in the Tadepalligudem and Tallepudi Districts, where a heavier boat can be used. Mr. Arps uses "The Marguerite." The new vessel is very appropriately called "The Augustana." Repairs have been provided for the bungalows at Samulkot, Tallepudi, Riverdale (Rajahmundry) and Tadepalligudem.

The Board has granted a horse and horse allowance to missionaries engaged in district work. This is in accordance with the uniform policy of other missions. Attempts to economize in this direction waste the missionaries' time, and endanger health and life. Our force is small enough when compared with the territory to be covered, and requires every expedient to render it most efficient. The length of the summer vacation has been lengthened, and a small yearly allowance made for traveling to the hills. It is important that so far as possible every missionary should avail himself of this opportunity for recuperating his strength, meeting other missionaries and viewing his work at a distance. Revs. Fichthorn, Wackernagel and Neudoerffer and Misses Monroe and Weiskotten spent the time allotted this year at Kodaikanal. In accordance with the policy of other missions also, the Board now provides the heavier furniture in the bungalows, which becomes the permanent property of the mission, being left in the bungalows as missionaries change.

In order to afford those who contribute to this cause, a correct presentation of the exact condition of the mission, with its discouragements as well as its encouragements, we reluctantly refer to another unpleasant subject. Numerous communications have been addressed the officers of the Board, and when these were unheeded the members of the Board individually, and then the presidents of various District Synods of the General Council, and at least in one case one of the church papers, by those claiming to be members in good standing in our Hindu congregations, with numerous charges and complaints against one of our native pastors, and against the chairman of our executive committee in India for ignoring these complaints. It is against the well-established policy of the Board to deal with the native Christians except through the missionaries. It is impossible for any body, sitting as a court in America, to decide as to the competency of accusers, admit testimony, hear and examine witnesses and sift their statements. The missionaries in India must establish the court to make final decision in all such cases. If they be incompetent for this, or their judgment cannot be trusted, they should be summarily dismissed and more competent judges appointed. The decision, however, must always be made in India; or whatever Board you appoint will be overwhelmed with appeals from all classes of malcontents, twelve thousand miles away, and there will be no end to difficulties subject to such appeals. It has been the habit of the Board, therefore, to transmit such papers to the chairman of our executive committee, unless they were so numerous and such repetitions of what had been previously returned to India, as not to justify the payment of the postage. We cannot make it too emphatic that every paper emanating from any one claiming to be connected with our mission must have the endorsement of the executive committee or council in order to receive attention. All disciplinary measures in our Synods in this country are guarded by similar precautions.

As the substance of these papers, however, has been widely circulated in violation of all orders, and the complainants have no standing with the Board, it may be remarked, nevertheless, in order to satisfy any inquiries that may be made, that the charges preferred against Rev. William have not been ignored by the authorities in India, but were the subject of examination, by a session of the ordained missionaries, consisting of Revs. Isaacson,

Arps, Edman, Fichthorn, Wackernagel, Neudoerffer and Harpster, which met at Rajahmundry, February 15th, 1903, at 8 a. m., and constituted a Ministerium of the council. Of this trial the Board has a full report. The only charges sustained were the utterance of several statements concerning two of the missionaries which were judged untrue and disrespectful. For these statements Rev. William expressed sorrow and duly apologized, as required by the Ministerium. After examining six witnesses concerning charges brought by natives, they were believed to be so clearly the result of conspiracy, that all of the Ministerium, with one exception, decided to dismiss them. "Witness after witness repeated, with parrot-like monotony, that which had been put into his mouth." It may be added that a large proportion of the communications to the Board, covering more than a hundred pages, came from a former head-master of the High School, whose habitual drunkenness was long a disgrace to the mission, until he was at last discharged. He petitioned to be restored to his position, but was refused. Among the communications addressed to the president of the Board and sent by him to India, one had the signature of a most reputable man who had not signed it—a pure forgery. The acquaintance of these natives with the proper persons in the General Council to whom to send their appeals and expressions of dissatisfaction suggests a degree of intelligence that to say the least, is an interesting phenomenon in the history of our mission community! We doubt whether a precedent can be found in the experience of any missionary organization where any attention would be given by its constituents in Europe or America to the presentations of unknown and irresponsible strangers in preference to those of duly ordained and commissioned missionaries.

In accordance with the instructions of the last meeting of the General Council, the Board has considered the claims of the former missionaries, Revs. Mueller, Holler and Matthews, and have found no rule requiring the former Board to pay one-half salary for six months to a missionary who resigns. The Board, in past years, has exercised the right of aiding a missionary in destitute circumstances, resigning for causes which it approved, until able to make provision for his support; but each individual case is decided by itself.

The re-enforcement, sent to our field last year was as large as we desired. This year, however, the Board has been disappointed in not finding as large a force as it desired. The Rev. E. H. Trafford, of Kimberton, Chester county, a graduate of Muhlenberg College and of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, and a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, with a pastoral experience of eight years, and an established reputation among his brethren, has accepted a call to our service, and expects to sail from New York on October 20th. The Board has been extraordinarily careful in the standard required in those whom it commissions. It has commissioned none but experienced pastors, believing that they will be able to deal with the difficulties in our field with more discrimination and with less discouragement than can be expected of entire novices. That our new missionaries are celibates has not been because of any preference on the part of the Board. We particularly regret that while, for the last eighteen months, the Luther League of Buffalo, New York, supported by some adjoining congregations in which the League has no representation, has been anxious to defray all the expenses and pay the entire salary of a missionary, no one has been found able and willing to respond. Even the enthusiasm of students expends itself in missionary conventions, but does not reach the standard of personal consecration to the work. Too much emphasis, we believe, has been laid upon the merely financial side of mission work. Money is a poor substitute for consecrated men and women. Give us any number of thoroughly-furnished, well-equipped missionaries, from the very heart of our own Synods and congregations, with character established; and the means to sustain them will flow into the treasury with little effort. Even more than the collection of funds, our missionary societies should seek to raise up and develop such men and women. It is interesting to collect information concerning missions, but if this does not lead to the supply and increase of our forces in the field, such inquiry is of little value. Next year, the Rev. H. E. Isaacson and wife return to the field; and we have the prospect of sending with them more laborers.

The statistics printed in the Appendix speak for themselves. They exhibit a decided advance, even through these later years of conflict, and with the reorganization only fairly begun. But let these facts be pondered:

For a population of 2,120,724, we have only five ordained missionaries in the field; one missionary for every 424,000 people.

For 228 congregations, we have six district missionaries and native pastors; one minister for every 38 congregations.

In the Rajahmundry and Bhimawaram districts, there is one missionary and two native pastors reported for 5,723 Christians, and as one of these native pastors has since been transferred to another field, there is but one pastor for every 2,861 Christians, to say nothing of the heathen around them.

The number of 9,283 baptized members shows an unexpected increase. The figures have been thoroughly tested by our director at certain places and found to be correct. It will be noticed also that there are 2,342 inquirers, who, with faithfulness on the part of our missionaries, will all be gathered in. In 277 villages, there are Christians and more or less earnest inquirers. The 4,472 boys and girls in the schools of the mission constitute a most hopeful feature of the work. "An intelligent Hindu said to me," writes Dr. Harpster, "'You are getting the children, and that means that our religion must give place to yours.' There is no surer evidence of the decay of Hinduism," he continues, "than the willingness of the people to send their children to Christian schools, knowing that the result cannot be otherwise than that they will be subverted from the Hindu faith. Believe me that we are fully alive to the importance of fostering our mission schools in every way possible."

A decided gain has been made in cultivating the benevolence of the native Christians. The Rs. 637-13-0 reported as given in cash, was almost entirely contributed between January and July, 1903, and is only partial. St. Paul's church, Rajahmundry, has been renovated, and although the expense was not great, it was borne entirely by collections from the congregation. This is of course only a feeble beginning of what may be expected of our mission if properly and thoroughly reorganized. "I had applications from various congregations for help in building and repairing prayer houses in the Bhimawaram district," writes Dr. Harpster, "amounting to nearly Rs. 600. I cut it down to Rs. 163, and they accepted the cut."

"Except St. Paul's church, here in Rajahmundry," he continues, "the churches reported are cheap affairs, generally covered with thatch. Bhimawaram and Mahadevapatnam churches are

not finished, and it don't look as if they ever would be. The 178 prayer houses are generally thatched houses, but usually the best house in the village, and well adapted to the needs of the congregations. The 178 prayer houses represent a considerable amount of money, with the land on which they stand. The teachers' houses are generally under the same roof with the prayer house."

The general condition of things in the mission is not discouraging. With harmony among the missionaries, and the subjection of the entire corps of native teachers to a stricter regard for discipline than has hitherto prevailed—this, with re-enforcements of godly and judicious laborers from home sent as rapidly as possible—will give us a position we are assured, "in which we need put no limit to our achievement as a mission in the Godavery District."

"I can truly say," writes our director, "that the outlook for this field is 'as bright as the promises of God;' but the realization of these promises is bound up with an adequate force of foreign missionaries, to man the different departments of mission work."

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

HENRY E. JACOBS, *President.*

REPORT OF THE
TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,
1901-1903.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:	
To balance from former Treasurer	$4,730 40
To cash from sundry donors as acknowledged from time to time in the "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary"	45,795 27
To interest on deposits	147 29
Total	$50,672 96

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The Treasurer asks credit for the following disbursements:		
By cash, Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Treasurer:		
	General expenses to March 31, 1903	$8,800 00
	Repairs to bungalow at Tallapudi	60 00
	General purposes of Mission Council	500 00
	Furniture fund for new missionaries	416 66
	Use of Women's Hospital, 1st quarter, 1903	125 00
By cash, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.:		
	Salary to Feb. 1, 1902	100 00
	Traveling expenses	900 00
By cash, Rev. H. E. Isaacson:		
	Salary to Sept. 30, 1903	1,633 33
	Traveling expenses self and family	1,275 00
	Gift from Augustana Synod	22 50
	Expenses to Augustana Synod	25 95
By cash, Rev. E. Neudoerffer:		
	Salary and horse allowance to Dec. 31, 1903	1,341 44
	Expenses fitting up bungalow	45 00
By cash, Rev. E. Edman:		
	Salary and children's allowance to June 30, 1903	1,400 00
	Gift from Augustana Synod	12 50
By cash, Miss Kate Sadtler:		
	Salary to March 31, 1902	125 00
By cash, Miss Lydia Woerner:		
	Salary to Dec. 31, 1903	1,025 00
	Hospital allowance to Dec. 31, 1903	375 00
	Traveling expenses and fitting up bungalow	82 07
	Carriage	100 00
By cash, Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten:		
	Salary to Dec. 31, 1903	1,000 00
	Additional household expenses	25 00
By cash, Miss Agnes Schade:		
	Salary to Dec. 31, 1903	1,220 00
By cash, Miss Martha Strempfer:		
	Salary to March 31, 1903	625 00
	Extra expenses while invalided	150 00
	Traveling expenses to America	313 11
By cash, Miss Lottie Swenson:		
	Salary to Sept. 30, 1902	300 00
By cash, Rev. R. Arps:		
	Salary, children's allowance and horse allowance to Dec. 31, 1903	2,265 75
	Traveling expenses, Germany to India	550 00

By cash, Rev. J. Telleen, Supt.:		
Salary to May 31, 1902	$	900 00
Expenses		360 68
By cash, Board of Foreign Missions, General Synod:		
Salary of Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., and horse allowance to Dec. 31, 1903		2,059 50
Expenses, account transfer of Rev. Dr. Harpster		38 13
Traveling expenses of Rev. Dr. Harpster and wife to India		700 00
By cash, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, Treas.:		
General expenses, April 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903		5,500 00
Rebuilding bungalow at Dowlaishwaram		700 00
Expenses return Rev. Edman to America		300 00
By cash, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, Treas.:		
Repairs to Medical Home		58 00
Deficit, 1901-2, Rev. E. Edman's district		560 00
Horse for Rev. Dr. Harpster		100 00
Tallapudi school-house		33 00
Mission boat		600 00
Special expenses, Rajahmundry High School		231 00
Deficit, Rajahmundry High School		81 50
Appropriations for V. J. Moses for 1 year		75 00
One qt. Pundit's sal., Brecklum Mission		10 00
Plans for Hospital and Seminary		125 00
Trained certificate teacher		40 00
Bungalow at Dowlaishwaram		1,400 00
Repairs to Riverdale and other items		257 00
Allowance for "hills"		150 00
Extra allowance for High School		237 66
Salary four munshis,		210 00
By cash, Rev. F. W. Wackernagel:		
Outfit		100 00
Traveling expenses to India		300 00
Salary, Dec. 15, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903		625 00
By cash, Rev. A. S. Fichthorn:		
Outfit		100 00
Traveling expenses to Baltimore		4 00
Traveling expenses to India		300 00
Salary, Dec. 15, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903		937 50
By cash, Miss Hedwig Wahlberg:		
Outfit and traveling expenses		400 00
Ticket, Naples to Colombo		125 00
Salary, Dec. 15, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903		520 83
By cash, Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.:		
Dowlaishwaram site		500 00
Account general expenses of mission for 4th quarter, 1903		500 00
Expenses Western trip		67 35
Postage and printing		10 00
By cash, Rev. E. H. Trafford:		
Medical examination		5 00
Outfit		100 00
By cash, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.:		
Postal cards and advertising		9 40
Postage, ledger, stamps and expenses		16 43
Expenses to Pittsburgh Synod		6 76
By cash, Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.:		
Cablegram		6 30
Traveling Expenses		2 80

By cash, Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.:	
Expenses to Baltimore and Philadelphia	$ 46 50
By cash, Rev. C. E. Blomgren, Ph.D.:	
Traveling expenses	5 00
Expenses to Augustana Synod	25 00
By cash, Rev. E. E. Sibole:	
Expenses to Missionary Conference, N. Y. City	8 00
By cash, Rev. R. Bielinski:	
Expenses to Miss. Conf., N. Y. City	6 00
Expenses to N. Y. Ministerium	4 25
By cash, B. Frank Ewald:	
Printing	16 00
By cash, E. Pengelly & Co.:	
Printing Rules	23 50
By cash, C. B. Opp:	
Expressage	2 67
By cash, C. Itter:	
Printing postal cards	6 00
By cash, Board of Publication:	
Church books for Rajahmundry	12 00
Envelopes, postals, cabinets and scrap books	146 90
By cash, Rev. E. R. Cassady:	
Preparing book of cuts	16 00
By cash, August Monhof:	
Printing tract	24 00
Pamphlets and plates	25 00
By cash, Miss Laura Borger:	
Typewriting	5 29
By cash, Rev. W. P. Cooper:	
Fifty copies "Farewell Addresses"	5 00
By cash, W. H. Hoskins:	
Letter file	20 00
By cash, W. A. Rafferty:	
Notary services, etc.	6 50
By cash, Edward Stern:	
Proving cuts	15 00
By cash, Postage and Telephone	18 41
By cash, W. N. Coleman & Son, Treas.:	
Bond	18 25
By cash, Expenses of Theo. Posselt in appearing before Board	10 00
By cash, Victor Grim:	
Typewriting	15 00
Balance in hand, Aug. 31, 1903	6,011 54
Total	$50,672 96

INDIA FAMINE FUND.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:	
To balance from former Treasurer	$542 64
To cash from Augustana Synod	26 95
To cash from Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Treas., unexpended balance of Famine Fund in India	2,944 91
Total	$3,514 50

Cr.

No disbursements.	
Balance, August 31, 1903	$3,514 50
Total	$3,514 50

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL FUND.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To cash from sundry donors as acknowledged from time to time in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary"	$5,574 59
Total	$5,574 59

Cr.

The Treasurer asks credit as follows:

By cash to Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Treas., for purchase of hospital site	$4,500 00
Balance on hand August 31, 1903	1,074 59
Total	$5,574 59

"MISSIONSBOTE" FUND.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To balance from former Treasurer	$1,109 30
To cash from Rev. H. Grahn, Business Manager	714 65
Total	$1,823 95

Cr.

The Treasurer asks credit as follows:

By cash for sundry expenses	$ 20 00
Balance, August 31, 1903	1,803 95
Total	$1,823 95

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Dr.

Overdrawn, August 31, 1903	$82 27

Cr.

The Treasurer asks credit as follows:

By cash to Norristown Herald printing issue, December, 1902	$57 27
By cash, sundry expenses	25 00
Totals	$82 27

RECAPITULATION.

General Fund, balance, Aug. 31, 1903	$6,013 54
India Famine Fund, Aug. 31, 1903	3,514 50
Woman's Hospital Fund, Aug. 31, 1903	1,074 59
"Missionsbote" Fund, Aug. 31, 1903	1,803 95
Total	12,404 58
"Foreign Missionary" Fund, Deficit, Aug. 31, 1903	$ 82 27
Net balance on hand, Augst 31, 1903	$12,322 31

PHILIP S. ZIEBER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF MISSIONSBOTE ACCOUNT.

From September 1, 1902 to August 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance, Sept. 1, 1902		$719 46
Income from Subscriptions	$2,014 13	

Interest from Bank	$ 18 48	
		$2,032 61
Total		$2,752 07

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and Mailing Missionsbote	$1,163 41	
Cuts for both papers	21 50	
Circulars and bills, etc.	20 67	
Miscellaneous, postage, etc.	9 83	
Salary for Manager	*208 33	
		$1,423 74
Cash paid to Treasurer		$500 00
Total		$1,923 74

Aug. 31, 1903, leaving balance in bank	$828 33
By contributions to missions received by the Manager	$2,116 88
Paid in monthly installments to Treasurer	2,116 00

*$8.33 backstanding from 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GRAHN, *Business Manager.*

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

From Sept. 1, 1902 to Aug. 31, 1903.

To balance	$21 07	
To amount received	899 54	
		$920 61
Expended	$890 80	
Balance in Treasury	29 81	
		$920 61

All obligations met to date.

E. R. CASSADAY, *Business Manager.*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS ACCORDING TO SYNODS.

Augustana Synod	$18301 40
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	10814 89
Pittsburgh Synod	7415 11
Canada Synod	1000 00
District Synod of Ohio	571 95
Synod of the Northwest	274 72
Chicago Synod	255 30
Synod of New York and New England	233 70
Pacific Synod	2 30
Miscellaneous Sources	12527 44
	$51396 81

APPENDIX I.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, an English Recording Secretary, a German Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

They shall be elected at the first regular meeting of the Board, after the convention of the General Council.

The President shall preside at all the meetings, shall be ex-officio member of all committees, and shall draw all orders on the treasury, as directed by the Board.

The Recording Secretaries shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence, under the direction of the Board, and shall report all letters received and all written, at every meeting of the Board.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Board, and pay all bills on orders granted by the Board, and signed by the President. He shall report at every meeting, and shall present an annual statement, and bring his books for audit once every year, at such a time as the Board shall set. The Treasurer shall give a bond, in some approved company, as security for $3,000.

APPENDIX II.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TELUGU MISSION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

I. Name.

The Telugu Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

II. Aim.

The aim of our missionary labor is not only to bear the Gospel to the heathen and to lead them to Christ, but also to promote the establishment of self-supporting and self-governing Evangelical Lutheran congregations, which shall gradually grow into an organized Lutheran Church among the Telugus.

III. The Missionaries.

1. The General Council, through its Board of Foreign Missions, calls the Missionaries, allots their fields of labor, and prescribes their duties. They shall pledge themselves to live and teach in accordance with the confession of the General Council, be subject to the instructions of the Board in their missionary work, and live and labor in fraternal fellowship with each other.

2. The necessary expenses of the voyage shall be paid by the Treasurer. Any additional cost of longer or more expensive routes, or of intentional delay on the way, must be borne by the Missionary.

Each Missionary shall receive $100 as outfit on first going out to the mission. If accompanied by his wife, he shall receive $50 additional.

3. The amount of salary shall be determined by the Board of Foreign Missions, and shall be paid quarterly through the Treasurer in India.

4. The salary shall commence on the date of the Missionary's arrival at the mission, and shall cease on the day he leaves the field.

5. Each Missionary, on his first arrival in the field, will seek the advice and direction of the Executive Committee.

6. Each Missionary shall devote the first year entirely to learning the language. During this time (except in cases of absolute necessity, of which the Executive Committee shall be the judge) he shall have no responsibility in the work.

7. He shall pass two examinations (before the Examining Committee of the South Indian Missionary Association) the one at the end of the first year, and the second, final, at the end of the second year.

8. When a Missionary has passed the first examination he may be employed, as time permits, in practical work as an assistant to an older Missionary.

9. During the time he is studying the language, he shall have an opportunity to visit different parts of the field, so that he may become acquainted with the work.

10. When the Missionary has passed the second examination scheduled for the second year (then, and not until then) he shall be entitled to the full charge of a station or district, be accorded a vote, and all rights and privileges, and assume the duties and responsibilities of a Missionary of our Church.

11. In case an examinee should fail to pass the examinations he may be allowed an extension of time, and should he fail in examination at the expiration of such time, his case will be specially dealt with by the Board.

12. The whole time and strength of the Missionaries shall be given to the work of the mission. Additional work, whether of an industrial, mercantile or literary character, must not be engaged in without the special permission of the Board, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

13. Each individual Missionary is under appointment of the Board, and the other Missionaries shall have no right to change the character of his work, his field of labor, or to transfer him to another station.

14. Missionaries are not permitted to receive for themselves compensation for services rendered to others. Any compensation or reward received for such services shall be paid into the mission treasury, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Moneys given or sent to any Missionary for the use of the mission, must be entered in the mission accounts.

15. Each Missionary shall present at each regular meeting of the Council a written report in detail of his official acts, and of the work of the mission in the department for the preceding three months. He shall present an account of his expenditures, properly itemized and balanced, and a specified estimate of the amount needed for the next three months.

He shall also present a congregational account-book, kept in the same manner as other account books.

16. Complaints of one Missionary against another shall be laid before the Executive Committee.

17. In case public offense has been given in such a way that immediate action is considered necessary, the Executive Committee shall make a preliminary investigation, and, if sufficient evidence of guilt appears, the Executive Committee shall at once call a meeting of the Council to consider the case. When action has been taken by the Council, it shall be reported to the Board for final action.

18. When a Missionary or Lay Worker believes a special or new undertaking to be necessary in his field, which involves considerable expenditure—such as the settlement of a Missionary at a new place, the erection of a mission house, the establishment of special schools, the appointment of a native pastor, or a departure from a mode of work followed hitherto—he shall present the same in writing to the Executive Committee, which committee shall request the other Missionaries severally to express their opinions thereon in writing, and when this has been done, the whole matter, together with the views of the Executive Committee, shall be laid before the Board.

19. The salary of the Missionary is expected to cover all expenses for himself and family, except as provided for in the following special allowances:

(*a*) A dwelling for the Missionary and his family, including heavy furniture not to cost more than Rs.250, shall be provided by the mission.

(*b*) With reference to the cost of maintenance and repairs, the rule shall be that the mission shall pay all costs, which, in that country under like circumstances, the owner of a house rented to others would bear, and the Missionary shall pay such costs as the person to whom it is rented would bear.

(*c*) Missionaries shall receive one rupee as batta, i. e., allowance for traveling expenses, for each twelve hours of absence from the station when engaged in missionary labor within the district, and in such places as the Executive Committee assigns to his care.

For journeys in connection with attendance at the meetings of Council, Conference, etc., the mission shall pay only the actual expenses for traveling, but no batta for the days spent at such meetings. No traveling allowance shall be granted for attendance at meeting outside our own field, unless in special cases sanctioned by the Board.

(*d*) Boats shall be provided for the use of the mission by either building or renting when absolutely necessary, in such parts of the field where canals form the principal ways of communication.

The cost of repairs and licenses shall be borne by the mission, but the Missionaries using the boat shall pay the salary of the man in charge of the boat when in harbor, and all costs connected with traveling in the same.

Tents shall be provided for the use of the Missionaries in parts of the field where such are needed and where no boats are provided. The size

of the tent needed shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The cost of repairs shall be borne by the mission, but the Missionaries using the tent shall pay all costs connected with traveling and in using the same.

(*e*) An allowance of $50 per annum will be made for each child of a Missionary in the employ of the mission between the age of 6 and 18 years, absent from India for education.

IV. Leave of Absence.

20. If circumstances on the field permit, each Missionary and Lay Worker shall be entitled to six weeks' leave of absence annually.

21. Should a Missionary spend his vacation in the Nilgiris, or at some other sanatory station, he shall receive Rs. 75 traveling allowance for each adult, and Rs. 25 for each child.

22. With this exception no Missionary or Lay Worker shall leave our mission field without the special permission of the Board or of the Executive Committee.

23. In case of sickness or of continued prostration, the Executive Committee, having obtained the advice of a physician, shall decide whether it is necessary for the person concerned to go to some sanatory station, and shall report at once to the Board. Should such visit to a sanatory station be decided upon, the traveling expenses and a moderate allowance for house rent may be granted by the Board upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

24. If the circumstances in the field permit, a Missionary shall be entitled to visit his native land after the first eight years of labor, and thereafter at the end of every seven years, but the approval of the Board must be obtained beforehand.

25. The expenses of the direct voyage by the prescribed route shall be borne by the mission. The length of the visit shall be determined by the Board.

26. During such visits the Missionary shall be entitled to three-fourths of his salary, to begin immediately upon his departure from the field, and to cease at the time of his arrival at the mission field.

27. Whenever the Board engages the services of a Missionary on leave of absence, he shall receive his full salary for the time so engaged, and in addition, his necessary traveling expenses, not including board and lodging.

28. A Missionary shall not leave the field until he has transferred the supervision of the work, together with all property and papers of the mission held by him, to the person appointed by the Board of the Executive Committee, to take charge of the station or district.

V. Lay Workers.

29. The General Council, through the Board of Foreign Missions, may also call Lay Workers (male or female) to assist in the mission work, and shall assign to them their fields of labor, and prescribe their duties. They shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as the Missionaries, unless otherwise provided for. They shall live and teach in accord-

ance with the confession of the General Council, and live and labor in the spirit of Christian love and harmony with the Missionaries and all others.

30. They shall be members of the Council, shall have the right to vote in the same, but shall not be eligible to any office except by special order of the Board.

31. Their salaries shall be determined by the Board and shall be paid quarterly.

32. The salary of a Zenana Sister is calculated to provide a proper support on the basis of two such Sisters keeping house together, or one being obliged to board in the family of a Missionary.

33. Whenever the Board assigns work to a Zenana Sister that requires her to keep house alone, she shall receive during such time, at the rate of $100 per annum in addition to her usual salary.

34. The term of service for a Zenana Sister before returning home, shall be five years.

VI. The Executive Committee.

35. There shall be an Executive Committee, of which the home Board appoints the Chairman, and the ordained Missionaries elect one member out of every seven ordained Missionaries or fraction of that number in the field. The Zenana Sisters also elect representatives in the same proportion to act for them on said committee in all matters pertaining to their special sphere of labor. The Executive Committee shall meet quarterly or oftener, if necessary. It shall have general management of the mission work in its several branches all over the field; shall see that the orders of the Board are carried out; that the moneys furnished by the Board are expended as sanctioned; that the property and buildings belonging to the Board are kept in good order, and, above all, that the aim of the mission be maintained, viz: the preaching of the Gospel to the non-Christians and converts, the instruction of their children in the faith and doctrine of the Lutheran Church, and the gathering of them into organized congregations.

36. All property purchased in India, and all buildings erected thereon by money furnished by the treasury of the mission, are and shall remain in the possession of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

37. The Executive Committee shall have a fire- and burglar-proof safe in which to preserve all deeds, titles, mortgages and other papers and documents of legal value connected with the property of the mission throughout its entire extent. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have the key.

38. No legal documents belonging to this Board and kept in this safe shall be given away or destroyed except by authority from the Board.

39 A copy in the English language of all title deeds deposited in the safe, shall be transmitted to the Board.

40. Correspondence with the Board shall be carried on by the Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall immediately after each meeting of the Committee, send a copy of its minutes to the Board. He shall also report on its action at the regular meetings of the Council.

41. If he deems it inadvisable to come to an immediate decision concerning a question proposed at a meeting of the Committee, he shall have authority to postpone action until the next meeting, which may be a special meeting.

42. He is the representative of our mission in transactions with the local and general government of India, unless when in special cases, for reasons satisfactory to himself and the Executive Committee, said Committee designates another person for the purpose.

43. The Executive Committee shall make a regular visitation of the entire mission field at least once in three years, and report thereon to the Board; it shall see that discipline in churches and schools is properly executed; that the religious books used in church and school are those approved and provided for use; that the course of instruction laid down be not deviated from; and that no errors in doctrine are allowed by the teachers. If it is proposed to introduce new books the consent of the Executive Committee shall first be obtained.

44. The Committee shall report to the Board the results of the examinations of Missionaries and Zenana Sisters before the Committee of the South India Missionary Association.

45. If any expenditure of money which has not been estimated for is necessary, especially for the purchase of real estate offered at a low price, the Committee shall have power to sanction an amount not exceeding Rs. 300. It shall see to it that this and all other moneys are properly expended, and the mission carried on with reasonable economy.

46. The Chairman shall have an order book with stubs and receipts, and shall issue orders to the Treasurer for the payment of all sums authorized by the Board, the Executive Committee, or the Council.

47. The Committee shall, in cases of emergency, supply vacancies caused by the absence of Missionaries, until orders from the Board can be obtained.

48. The Committee will receive each new Missionary on his arrival in the field, make provision that he be placed in a suitable house, advise him in securing a suitable teacher of the Telugu language, and direct him during the time between his arrival and the second or final examination.

49. The Committee shall annually prepare and send to the Board a tabulated statement of the statistics and report of the Missionaries, including their accounts.

50. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the erection of all buildings paid for by the mission. All proposals, plans and estimates for new buildings, as well as for extensive repairs and alterations, shall be approved by the Board before the work is begun. The Executive Committee shall see that the work is performed in the most satisfactory manner, according to the plans, specifications and estimates approved by the Board. The Missionary who is most interested in the building and best

qualified to supervise its erection, shall be entrusted with the same. Even then the Executive Committee shall inspect the work from time to time, and report upon it to the Board.

51. The Chairman shall receive and keep on record in a book provided for that purpose the orders and instructions of the Board; the same to remain in the custody of the Chairman, and to be open to the inspection of all the Missionaries; when copied the said communications shall be circulated among all the members, returned to the Chairman, and finally deposited in the Archives.

52. The Executive Committee shall examine all books and papers to be published for use in the mission or at its cost, before they are laid before the missionaries, who shall have the right to peruse and express their opinions on the same before the Executive Committee recommends them for publication. No books shall be published which have not been approved by the Board.

53. The Committee shall arrange uniform record books for baptisms, confirmations, marriages, communicants and deaths, and shall see to it that these are properly kept. To this end every Missionary shall bring these books to the semi-annual meeting of Conference for inspection.

54. The Executive Committee is instructed to see that these rules and regulations are complied with in all respects.

VII. The Treasurer.

55. The Board shall appoint one of the Missionaries Treasurer in India. Moneys for the use of the mission shall be sent to him through the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys for missionary purposes. He shall pay the salaries of the Missionaries quarterly, on arrival of the drafts sent for that purpose. Beyond this he shall pay out no money without an order from the Executive Committee according to the instructions of the Board. He shall keep in the general account book, which is the property of the mission, clear and correct accounts of all receipts and payments with vouchers for the latter. His books shall be open to the inspection of the other Missionaries or of any one of them at any time.

56. The account book shall contain:

(*a*) The General Mission Account with the Board, exhibiting a clear and specified statement of all drafts received from the Board, and of all money paid into the Treasury in India. The salary drafts received for each Missionary shall also be entered for reference on the Credit page, but without stating the amount in rupees.

(*b*) A statement of account with each station and department of the mission, showing the amount received and expended.

57. The Treasurer shall quarterly make a report to the Board through the Executive Committee with a balance sheet, clearly exhibiting the condition of the mission treasury.

58. The Treasurer shall borrow no money for the mission except when authorized to do so by the Board.

59. The account book of every Missionary shall be kept in a uniform way.

(*a*) All income shall be entered on the left hand page, and be headed by the balance of the last account, if there be any, showing separately what has been received (1) from the Mission Treasurer, (2) from private persons, (3) from other sources.

(*b*) All income shall be added up at the end of each quarter and the expenditure deducted, so that the balance is clearly shown.

(*c*) The balance shall be carried over to the next quarter's account, which shall begin with a new page.

(*d*) All expenditures shall be entered on the right hand page and be headed for the deficit of the last account, if there be any.

(*e*) Every Missionary's account book shall contain on separate pages the mission agent's pay list, in the form in which it is semi-annually submitted to the Board, and only the total expenditure for salaries shall be entered in the general account each month.

(*f*) All expenses for material shall be entered, specifically stating for what work the said material has been used. The accounts shall also show how much of the amounts appropriated for each separate estimate has been used.

(*g*) The specified account for larger operations, such as the erection of mission houses, churches and all work not completed within half a year, shall be entered on special pages in the account book, so that it can always be seen how the account stands. The amount actually spent for such work during the half year or during each month, shall be entered in the general account.

(*h*) No expediture shall be charged to the mission which has not been sanctioned by the Board.

(*i*) Expenses connected with boxes sent out to India by friends and not by the Board, and other such items of a private character, shall not be entered upon the Mission account.

60. All expenses in excess of the estimate shall be reported to the Executive Committee for action before the Auditing Committee can approve of the account.

VIII. The Mission Council.

61. The Missionaries and Lay Workers called and sent to the field by the Board of Foreign Missions shall constitute the Council. Wives of Missionaries having charge of independent work involving the expenditure of mission funds, shall also be members of the Council.

62. They shall annually elect a President and Secretary, who shall be ordained ministers. Members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible.

63. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and in his absence the Council shall designate the person to take his place.

64. The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate record of all the proceedings of the Council, and furnish a copy of the same to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

65. The Council may, by formal resolution, determine the diction of its minutes.

66. The Council shall hold regular meetings in January, April, July and October of each year.

67. When found necessary by the Executive Committee or at the request of two-thirds of the members, it shall be the duty of the President to call a special meeting.

68. Each Missionary and Lay Worker shall present at each regular meeting a written report in detail of his official acts, and of the work of the mission in his department for the preceding three months. He shall also present an account of expenditures properly itemized and balanced, and a specified estimate of the amount needed for the next three months.

69. All these reports, proposals and estimates of all the mission workers shall be presented in duplicate, and together with the action thereon, also in duplicate, shall be handed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, whose duty it is to transmit without delay, one copy to the Board and the other to the Archivarius. The statements of expenditures shall, however, first be handed to the Treasurer, who shall copy the same into the general account book. If two-thirds of the members of the Council deem an expenditure which has not been provided for, necessary before the approval of the Board can be obtained, upon their authorization, the Executive Committee concurring, the Chairman of said committee is permitted to order the Treasurer to pay the same from funds on hand, but a copy of the authorization must be sent at once to the Board.

70. The Council shall elect annually at the October meeting an Auditing Committee, consisting of one member of the Executive Committee and one of their number not on said Committee, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Missionaries and Zenana Sisters.

71. The Auditing Committee shall examine the account books of each Missionary before the accounts are laid before the Council. They shall see that every expenditure has been made as sanctioned by the Board, and shall mention in writing all items not previously sanctioned, and also such as heretofore have not been paid out of mission funds.

IX. Relations to Other Lutheran Missions.

72. It is very desirable that some bond of union should if possible, be established between the Missions of the Lutheran Church in India. To this end arrangements may be made to harmonize versions of the liturgy and books used for worship with those of other Lutheran bodies, but no such new liturgies and book of worship shall be finally and definitely adopted or introduced until the matter with the proposed changes and reasons for the same has first been laid before the Board and its action has been obtained.

X. The Archivarius.

73. The Superintendent of the Seminary shall be the Archivarius. He shall keep the Archives in a fire-proof safe. All reports, records and registers not in immediate use, shall be kept in the Archives. None of

these papers shall be destroyed or given away except by authority from the Board.

74. A register shall be kept by the Archivarius in which all baptisms in the entire field shall be entered.

XI. The Conference.

75. The Missionaries, native Pastors, Catechists, Teachers and Delegates of native congregations form "The Mission Conference," or "The Telugu Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in India." The Catechists and Teachers represent the congregations from which they come.

76. This Conference shall hold at least one meeting a year, and shall annually elect an English and Telugu Secretary. The English minutes shall be the official minutes of the body. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be President of the Conference.

77. At the annual meeting, each of the mission agents shall present a report of all his official acts performed during the preceding year, so that a survey of the work of the mission may be obtained. The mission work, in so far as the native agents have part in it, in its various interests, and in measures to be taken for its advancement, may be considered; but the matters retained under the control of the Board, or placed by it under the direction of the Executive Committee or of the Council, shall not be subject to the decision of the Telugu Conference. The proceedings shall be duly recorded, and a copy of such record transmitted to the Board of Foreign Missions through the President of the Conference.

78. All theological students shall be annually examined, if possible in the presence of all the Missionaries, in all the subjects which they have studied, and a report of their progress shall be presented to the Executive Committee.

79. The Committee to conduct this examination shall consist of the Superintendent of the Seminary and two Missionaries elected by the Mission Council, of which the latter two shall write the report and send it to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for transmission to the Board.

XII. The Girls' Boarding School.

80. The aim of the boarding school for girls shall be to give such Christian training and education to the girls of our mission as shall fit them to become better Christian women and wives (especially for our mission agents) who shall be able also to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

81. When necessary, and circumstances permit, provision may be made by the Executive Committee to arrange a class or classes for the training of female mission workers.

82. The course of instruction shall be arranged jointly by the Executive Committee, and the lady teachers in charge of the school under the approval of the Board.

83. Semi-annual reports of the status and finances of the school shall be furnished to the Mission Conference for transmission to the Board through the Executive Committee.

XIII. The Caste Girls' School.

84. The work of teaching caste girls shall be carried on in the Mission through a school or schools established for the purpose.

85. When necessary, and circumstances permit, provision may be made by the Executive Committee to arrange a class or classes for the training of female workers among the caste people.

86. Reports and statistics shall be furnished quarterly.

XIV. The Hospital.

87. A hospital for women and children shall be connected with the mission. It shall be conducted by a lady physician under appointment by the Board, who shall have an assistant or assistants, as necessity demands and the Board may supply.

88. As to quarterly reports, financial statements and the like, the rules for other departments, so far as applicable, shall apply here.

XV. Ordained Native Pastors.

89. As a rule native Pastors should be graduates of the theological department of our Seminary. They must be employed as teachers or catechists for a period of three years after their graduation. Those who during this time prove themselves apt to teach, who are prudent and reliable in judgment and character and of well-established Christian life and conversation, may be recommended to the Board for ordination by at least two-thirds of the Missionaries. The Board shall authorize the ordained officers of the Conference to ordain the candidate as a member of the Telugu Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

90. Until a sufficient number of young men, graduates of the theological department, have stood the above test, in case of necessity the Missionaries may select a catechist or other mission agent, who has been well proven in his work by years of faithful service, who has superior attainments and who is possessed of the necessary qualifications, and recommend him to the Board for ordination. The field of labor of a native Pastor and the amount of his salary shall be determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. He shall not be removed from his field or transferred to another congregation except by direct order from the Board on the recommendation of the Council.

91. In determining the salaries of native Pastors, regard shall be had to the amount which, with their gifts and attainments they could receive among their own people in other honorable callings, as well as to the amount which, ultimately, native congregations will be able to raise for the support of a Pastor.

92. Native Pastors shall receive an allowance for traveling expenses for each twenty-four hours of absence from their station, when engaged in missionary labor, the amount to be determined by the Council. For visits to the chief station of their district or outside their own field or for tours of less than twenty-four hours, no allowance shall be made.

93. Each native Pastor shall be placed in charge of a congregation or congregations, or a defined district, as the Board may determine, where he

shall be Pastor *loci,* under the superintendence of a Missionary. A native Pastor shall not reside in the same place in which his superintending Missionary lives, nor shall he have pastoral charge of the same congregation of which the Missionary is Pastor *loci,* unless by special resolution of the Board.

94. The constant aim of the superintending Missionary shall be to teach native Pastors to properly minister to the spiritual wants of congregations, and also to teach the congregations to support the ministry, and to manage their own church affairs. The superintending Missionary, therefore, shall not perform ministerial acts in his field except with his full consent, and in cases of necessity during his illness or absence.

XVI. Catechists.

95. Such persons among the teachers as may be found capable and faithful and are believed to be well fitted, may be selected and appointed by the Council as Catechists, but no one shall be appointed a Catechist who, in addition to his ability to preach, has not also a fair education in secular and religious branches in the Telugu language.

96. It shall be the duty of the Catechist to assist the Missionary in his work wherever possible, and in his absence to conduct services in the church. He shall pay particular attention to the preparation of catechumens for confirmation or baptism, visit all members of the church in his district, encourage family worship and preach the Gospel among Christians and non-Christians. In cases of strife and contention among church members, it shall be his duty to try to make peace. He shall also visit the sick, admonish the careless and try to persuade the heathen to give up idolatry and turn to Christ.

XVII. Teachers.

97. Every native teacher paid out of mission funds, shall be under appointment of the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Council, and shall be placed under the direction of a Missionary. He shall have passed at least the primary examination. It shall be the duty of the teachers to give regular instructions in the schools; to assist in the preparation of the catechumens for baptism or confirmation; in the absence of the Pastor or Catechist to conduct public worship, to keep the prescribed records, to instruct the non-Christian in the truths of the Gospel, and in every way to further the work of the mission.

XVIII. Preparation and Support of Native Assistants.

98. On account of the general poverty of the native Christians, the American Church as a temporary measure, assists promising boys and girls to acquire an education, but it should be understood that the education of the young is the duty of the Telugu Church itself, and not of the American Church, which for the present merely lends a helping hand.

99. It shall be the aim of the educational work of our mission to prepare an able and faithful ministry for the Telugu Lutheran Church, who shall truly preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments in accordance with that word, and also an efficient body of teachers who shall

endeavor to elevate the intellectual and moral standard of the converts and their children.

100. The Seminary shall be the training institution for Pastors and mission agents.

101. The Board shall appoint a Missionary as Principal or Superintendent of the Seminary, and he and his work shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as the other Missionaries.

102. He shall not admit a student to the Seminary or dismiss him therefrom without conferring with the Missionary in charge of the district to which the student belongs, without the consent of the Executive Committee.

103. He shall, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, arrange the course of the studies and select books to be used, especially in the Theological Department, and such schedules of studies and books shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

104. Young Christians, poor but promising, may be aided and supported during the time of study by the use of scholarships, as determined by the Executive Committee with the sanction of the Board.

105. Every pupil entering the Seminary as a free scholar, shall have passed the third standard examination.

106. He shall also pass an entrance examination in religious branches.

107. Passed candidates from the Seminary, on applying for employment in the mission, shall have the preference over other applicants. No applicant shall be employed in mission work who has not passed the examination at our Seminary, or, if not from our Seminary, before an examining committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

108. The results of these examinations shall give the applicants their standard for employment in mission work.

109. Non-Christians shall not be employed in mission work.

110. Should it be deemed necessary in an exceptional case to employ any such person as teacher in secular studies, the approval of two-thirds of the Missionaries to such an arrangement must be obtained and be reported by the Executive Committee to the Board.

111. The Executive Committee shall appoint all native assistants in mission work under approval by the Board, determine the amount of their salary and dismiss those whose service is no longer required, or who have proved themselves unfit for the work. However, each individual Missionary shall have the right in case of necessity, to employ assistants on trial, such employment to be subject to the action of the Executive Committee, to whom each individual case shall at once be reported for confirmation.

112. Assistants so employed shall be subject to a period of trial and examination as provided in Rule 107.

113. A Missionary can suspend a mission agent in case of misbehavior, but he shall at once report his case to the Council for such final action as it may deem necessary.

114. If such a mission agent desires to appeal he can do so to the Executive Committee.

115. The salaries of mission gents shall be paid by the Missionaries in charge of the various districts at the rates sanctioned by the Board.

116. Higher salaries of mission agents may be allowed as follows: (*a*) When the congregation pays part of it; and (*b*) in special cases with the full consent of the Executive Committee and when sanctioned by the Board.

117. Whenever practicable the monthly salary of a teacher may be converted into an annual grant to the school, and the congregation shall be permitted to employ a better qualified teacher at higher wages when the congregation makes up the difference. As soon as the congregation can pay the entire salary, it shall have the right to call a teacher under the approval of the District Missionary and the Executive Committee.

118. If circumstances on the field permit, each mission agent shall be entitled to one month's leave of absence every year. If, however, an agent is obliged to be absent more than a month, he shall receive for that additional time only half salary.

XIX. Native Congregations.

119. It is our distinct aim to plant in India a Native Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawing its material support entirely from the native community, which will be ministered to by native Pastors and be self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating. This should be constantly kept in view by the Church in America, by the Missionaries on the field and by the native Christians, in order to secure permanent results from our missionary work.

120. The Missionaries should, therefore, not only instruct the native Christians in the saving truths of the Christian religion, but also in the duty of making sacrifices for the maintenance of the Christian congregation, and should urge upon them such constant diligence in honest labor, as will enable them to give of their earnings for the support of the Church.

121. The native Christians should be regularly organized under a constitution, as congregations with their own pastors; elect councils of their own number; also pastors and teachers, and have the regulation of their own affairs under their own constitution. The contributions of these congregations shall be subject to disposal by the congregation. Each congregation shall have its own congregational and school treasury. On the recommendation of the missionaries and the Executive Committee the Board may occasionally give grants to these treasuries, and such moneys shall be under the control of the congregations.

XX. Parochial Schools.

122. Parochial schools shall be established wherever there is a sufficient number of Christians and inquirers. As a rule not more than one teacher in each such school shall be supported out of mission funds. If additional teachers are necessary, they should be paid out of school funds raised by local subscription, school fees, etc. But no school by reason of self-support, shall be exempted from complying with all rules and regulations which apply to other mission schools.

123. If the income from school fees and other sources of self-support be greater than the expenses of the school, the balance shall be turned into the general school fund of the district.

124. The Government grant to village schools shall be paid to the Mission Treasurer, and held for the use of the district in which such school is situated, and shall be used for the erection of school buildings, necessary repairs and the supplying of school furniture.

125. It is one of the principal aims of the mission to teach all Christian children to read and write in order to help them to a knowledge of the catechism and Biblical History. Schools for non-Christian boys shall not be maintained out of mission funds unless sanctioned by the Board, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Council; and only after sufficient provision has been made for the education of all the children of the Christians in the field and when Christian teachers can be provided for such schools.

Appendix III.—STATISTICS FOR 1901–1902.

Serial No	Number of Fields in	District	Name.	I. Population.				II. Native Workers.						III. Congregations.									IV. Schools.				V. Col. from Native Congregations.									VI. Buildings.			
				No. of Missionaries.	No. of Missionary wives.	Zenana Missionaries.	Population in Each Circle.	Ordained.	Catechists.	Evangelists.	School Masters.	School Mistresses.	Bible and Tract Colporteurs.	No. of Congregations.	No. of Men.	No. of Women.	No. of Children.	Members at the close of 1902.	No. of Communicants.	Catechumens or Inquirers.	No. of Villages in which there are Christians or Inquirers.	Gain, or Loss.	No. of Schools.	No. of Christian Pupils.	No. of Non-Christian Pupils.	Total No. of Pupils.	Benevolence Rs	Benevolence As	Benevolence P	Other Cash Receipts Rs	Other Cash Receipts As	Other Cash Receipts P	In kind Rs	In kind As	In kind P	Total Rs	Total As	Total P	Bungalows.	Churches.	Prayer Houses.	Teacher's Houses.
1		a	Rajahmundry Town...	2	1	5	36,408	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	70	81	49	200	102	18	...	...	1	12	....	12	147	15	..	.....	..	..	...	..	..	147	15	..	1	1	...	..
2	1	b	Korukonda.....	..	..	..	161,070	..	..	2	7	..	..	7	40	30	40	110	53	10	10	78	284	67	717	717	1434	125	1	3	500	1	1	120	3	6	745	5	10	..	1	67	60
3		c	Bhimavaram.....	..	..	.	144,615	1	3	1	66	..	1	67	1007	941	1436	3384	1948	1659	100	31	551†	26	257	169	426	118	5	9	100	..	..	40	..	..	158	5	9	..	1	11	11
4		d	Mahadevapatnam.....	..	..	.		1	..	1	24	..	..	31	584	676	769	2029	1015	100	31	551†	26	257	169	426	118	5	9	100	..	..	40	..	..	158	5	9	..	1	11	11
5	2	a	Dowlaishwaram.....	1	1	.		1	1	3	25	..	..	41	337	463	425	1225	....	420	41	50†	41	210	505	715	51	10	..	280	6	..	...	..	..	332	..	..	1	3	26	26
6	3		Samulcotta.....	..	..	..	.....	..	1	4	18	..	..	20	200	188	176	564	....	....	33	....	18	70	224	294	...	...	..	.....	..	..	...	..	..	.....	..	..	1	1	18	18
7	4		Tallapudi.....	1	1	..	.....	..	1	2	25	2	..	42	337	292	408	1037	466	95	60	....	27	75	125	200	88	13	3	*112	9	..	...	..	..	201	6	3	1	1	29	17
8	5		Tadepalligudem.....	1	..	..	.....	..	1	..	19	..	..	19	234	182	318	734	276	40	24	....	19	171	150	321	35	...	..	*	..	..	...	..	..	35	..	..	1	1	19	...
9	6		High School.....	1	..	..	.....	..	..	..	12	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	1	145	168	....	...	...	..	2640	..	..	...	..	..	2640	..	..	1	..	1	2
10	7		Boarding Girls' School	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	1	7	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	1	139	....	139	56	...	..	700	..	..	...	..	..	56	..	..	1	..	...	1
11	8		Caste Girls' School...	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	3	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	1	....	76	76	...	...	..	200	..	..	...	..	..	200	..	..	1	..	...	...
12	9		Zenana Work.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	1	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	...	....	....	....	...	...	..	855	4	6	...	..	..	855	4	6	1	..	...	...
13	10		Medical Work.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	x	....	...	....	...	....	....	....	...	...	..	7777	12	7	...	..	..	7777	12	7	..	..	...	...
			Peddapur High School	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	18	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	2	....	431	431	...	...	..	.....	..	..	...	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	...	...
			Boarding School (Boys)	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	1	....	....	....	...	...	..	.....	..	..	...	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	...	...
				6	3	5		3	8	13	216	13	1	228	2809	2853	3623	9283	3860	2342	277	890	212	1810	2662	4472	637	15	3				160	3	6				9	9	178	142

Patients, 5050.

House Visits, 413.

x[The absence of returns as to communicants from Dowlaishwaram and Samulcotta is to be regretted. In the 61 congregations concerned, and among about 1,900 bapt'zed members,' it is safe to assume at least 750 communicants, which would swell the above number to 4610.]

Revs. Harpster and Neudoerffer have not been able to report all school grants, for the reason that Dr. Schmidt has not handed them over.

xEighty scholarships in Boys' B. School, out of 142 total number of boys in B. School.

†Forty-seven scholarships in Girls' B. School.

Population of area in which our Mission is working:

Amalapur Taluk	277,445
Bhimavaram Taluk	144,615
Coconada Taluk	213,758
Narsapur Taluk	254,961
Peddapur Taluk	167,020
Pittapur Taluk	84,089
Rajahmundry Taluk	161,070
Ramachendraspuram Taluk	220,256
Januka Taluk	238,758
Yennagudem Taluk	140,048
Badrachellam Taluk	48,658
Tuni Division	58,762
Chodavaram Division	23,229
Polavaram Division	58,274
Yellavaram Division	29,681
Total	2,120,724

Financial statement of the Peddapur High School of the A. E. L. M. from April, 1902, to March, 1903:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Fees	Rs.5455.14.0
Readmission fees and fines	70. 2.9
Grants	1133.10.4
Total	Rs.6659.11.1

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Fees	Rs.667.1.6
Results Grants	461.0.0
Total	Rs.1128.1.6
Grand total for the two departments	Rs.7777.12.7

APPENDIX IV.

EXTRACTS FROM MISSIONARY REPORTS.

[The Board has been considering the plan of providing for our Mission a Hand-book, or Semi-Annual or Annual pamphlet, presenting in full a record of the statistics and the life of the Mission in all its departments, after the general model of a catalogue of an institution, or the pamphlets prepared and printed on the field by some other missions. The "*Missionsbote*" and "Foreign Missionary" publish many of the semi-annual and quarterly reports from individual missionaries.]

I.—REPORT OF REV. H. E.ISAACSON, FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

As to the general work. It has been carried on as usual. On the Samulkot field the preaching of the gospel, both to heathen and Christian, has been the regular work by the teachers and by myself.

The 21st of July all the Missionaries and Zenana Sisters met at Rajahmundry to devise plans to reduce the expenditure of the estimate, as the quarterly allowance sent by the Board was much less than the expenditure for the same period. We decided at that meeting to reduce the whole estimate, which we submitted for that quarter by 18 percentage, and ask the Board to send out more money for the next quarter. The money came in due time, but only the usual amount for general expenses, hence the District Missionaries could only receive in accordance with the reduced rates. (The Boarding School got their full share, also the Caste Girls' School.)

On account of the financial embarrassment, I suggested that we disemploy a number of teachers on each field, in order to pay those whom we kept, the full salary, that no confusion would arise on the field with reference to not paying the teachers in full. At once I set to work to disemploy a number of teachers. When the teachers heard that a number had to be disemployed on account of want of funds, they volunteered to pay one Rupee each for three months, Aug., Sept., Oct. (See pay list.) This enabled me to receive the disemployed ones back into the regular employ again. The contribution by the teachers was with the view that the disemployed ones should be taken back into the Mission employ again.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Isaacson.

Samulkot, Jan., 1903.

II.—DOWLAISHWARAM AND SAMULKOT DISTRICTS.

April 1st to June 30th, 1903.

I respectfully beg to inform the Board, that I am very busy with the erection and construction of new buildings. Since the beginning of April I have been working daily with but few exceptions. On April 1st I began the building of the new boat for Dr. Harpster. To get the necessary wood I had to go to the other side of Rajahmundry where the big

lumber yards are, and after much trouble and patience—trying, arguing against Hindu merchants' skilfulness in bargaining, I obtained the lumber for a reasonable price and then had it floated down the river to the place of building in Dowlaishwaram. The market-value of the wood has considerably risen since the building of my boat in 1894. It must therefore be expected that the new boat in consideration of the more expensive lumber and slight changes and the new additions will cost several hundred Rupees more (by the order of the Chairman of the Executive Committee). The agreement is that the boat shall be finished within three months, namely, in the middle of July.

My own buildings caused me much worry. A voluminous correspondence took place between the Government, the Department of Public Works (i. e., D. P. W.), and myself.

Firstly, about the transfer of the proposed building site from the Military Department to the D. P. W.

Secondly, about the transfer of this land from them (the D. P. W.), to the local District Government (Collectorate).

Thirdly, about the sale of the said land to our Mission, the information of which has been forwarded to the Board through the Executive Committee.

Fourthly, about the actual transfer of this land to our Mission, which long-desired action took place May 13th.

Fifthly, about asking Government to grant us grace two months for the payment of the land instead of compelling us to pay within 30 days, as is the rule of the Indian Government. This request was kindly granted.

On May 13 I entered upon the work on our new property with about one hundred workmen (masters, carpenters, masons, coolies, etc.). I began the building of the outhouse, the well and the road, and am glad to report, that the first has been completed (70 ft. x 16 ft), kitchen, storeroom, horse and bandistables. The object of building this first, was to have a safe place in the rainy season to store the material of the old bungalow and its outhouse. Both of these were dismantled, partly with almost insurmountable difficulties and all the doors and windows, beams and trusses, rafters and reefers I have removed to the new place. To remove the stones (walls) is inadvisable, because the breaking down and transportation of the same on account of distance would cost more than the buying of new ones. The new and main road, leading from the high road to the place of the new building is also finished (300 yards long). Also the foundation of the new bungalow has been completed. In all the above mentioned work I am especially indebted to the executive engineer, Mildred, Esq., Dowlaishwaram, for his invaluable advice and assistance.

The few interruptions, referred to above, which I was compelled to make, were on account of heavy rains, and strange enough to say, these fell in the month of May, which is, as a rule, the dryest and hottest month of the year. Since the rainy season has now set in, rapid progress in the work can hardly be expected on account of, if not daily, at least frequent showers.

A financial statement of the last half year will be sent along with the statement of the General Accounts of my two districts. What I have reported above will clearly show to you that I have been unable to follow and supervise my district work as formerly, and as is my own desire. On the other hand, my native pastor, P. V. Ratnam, has been of great help to me. He has been canvassing both fields (the Dowlaishwaram and Samulkot Districts), performing ministerial acts and supervising the school work.

Nevertheless, the congregation at Dowlaishwaram has continually had my personal attention and care. The Sunday services and ministerial and pastoral work were all attended to by me. Since the first of January up to date I had the pleasure to baptize 50 persons (including 8 children). All these were my old catechumens, some under instruction for several years, who had been waiting to be baptized by me after my return from furlough. I also attach a general statistic of the Dowlaishwaram and Samulkot Districts.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLF ARPS.

STATISTICS.

July 1, 1903.

DOWLAISHWARAM DISTRICT.

I.

POPULATION ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT CENSUS REPORTS.

(*a*) Ramachandrapur Talug: 399 square miles, 164 villages, 262,194 inhabitants.

(*b*) Amalapur Talug: 531 square miles, 180 villages, 279,806 inhabitants.

Dowlaishwaram District: Totals: 925 square miles, 344 villages, 542,000 inhabitants. One missionary, Rev. R. Arps and wife.

Dowlaishwaram, town with 14,500 inhabitants (Injeneerin settlement).

II.

Native Agents: 30; one native Pastor, Rev. Ratnam; one Catechist; three Evangelists; 25 Schoolmasters.

III.

Congregations: 41 congregations; 1,235 Christians, 1,180 at the close of 1902; 420 catechumens (inquirers); 50 actual gain, Jan. 1st—June 30th, 1903.

IV.

Schools: 36 schools; 715 pupils (total); 210 Christian pupils.

V.

Native Contributions, from Jan. 1st to June 30th, 1903:

Sunday, church collections	Rs. 17.14.0
Rampa Fund, contributions	11. 4.0
Widow's Fund, contributions	12. 8.0
School grant (March, 1903)	280. 6.0
Total	Rs. 331. 0.0

VI.

Buildings: One Bungalow under construction; three churches; 26 school and prayer houses.

VII.

Comparative statistics of the growth of the Christians:

1895.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1902.	1903.
416	504	536	608	700	900	1235

July 1, 1903. RUDOLPH ARPS.

SAMULKOT DISTRICT.

I.

POPULATION ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT CENSUS REPORTS.

1. Coconada Division, 40,907 inhabitants.
2. Peddapur Taluq, 137,688 inhabitants.
3. Pittapur Taluq, 83,824 inhabitants.
4. Ducherty Agency, 41,153 inhabitants.

Total on 1,035 square miles, 303,572 inhabitants.

II.

Native Agents, 26; 1 Catechist, 2 Evangelists, 23 Schoolmasters.

III.

Congregations: 18 congregations, 836 Christians, 800 Christians at the close of 1902, 50 inquirers (catechumens).

IV.

Schools: 18 schools, 312 pupils, 35 Christian pupils.

V.

Native Contributions:

Church collections for the year 1902	Rs. 32.7. 9
School grant, March, 1903	122.4.11
Rampa Fund, contribution one year	21.7. 6
Widow's Fund, contribution one year	21.0. 0
Total	Rs. 197.4. 2

VI.

Buildings: One Bungalow, one Catechist House, one Church, eight Schoolhouses.

VII.

Missionary: Rev. R. Arps.

III.—REPORT OF THE A. E. L. M. H. SCHOOL.

Including Financial Statement for the Second Quarter of 1903.

A. S. FICHTHORN, Manager.

At present 309 boys have reported and are reading in the school, five less than were enrolled when the last report was made. Of the boarding boys, five, Gedala Alfred, Pennumaker Devadass, Kandevalli David, Sathyala Abraham and Chebbataea Barnabas have been sent out as teachers. Two others who applied for work were refused and dismissed from the school, namely, Portula Luke and Irlaparti Israel. The latter has been received by the Brecklum Mission and is working at Koraput. Three other boys, Math James, of Bhimavaram, Sadi Samuel, of Kora-

konda, and Patchamalli Anandam have been dismissed. The last named having been found to be a Baptist was sent back to the Baptist school at Samulkot whence he had come. Four boarders, Dasari Isaac, of Bhimavaram, Battala John, of Bhimavaram, Bandy Joseph, of Dowlaishwaram, and Gubbala Isaac, of Samulkot, have not returned to school since vacation.

Repairs were made to a number of the buildings and a temporary structure was erected at the High School to relieve the crowded condition of the same. All the repairs were made at a cost within the estimates submitted to the Building Committee and approved by them.

There has been some annoyance in connection with the teaching force, it having been necessary to dismiss two teachers for persistent insubordination. The school has suffered a loss in the death of Mr. Chendra Rao, who was efficient and popular.

The financial statement is as follows:

1903.	RECEIPTS.	
April, by Cash, as per Ledger, p. 3		Rs. 2145. 0.9
June 30, by school fees		13. 0.9
June 30, by Cash from treasury for deficit of 1st quarter		245. 0.0
Total		Rs. 2403. 1.0
1903.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
April, for all expenses		Rs. 1589.8. 2
May, for all expenses		291.8. 0
June, for expenses, less salary of Emihemina		482.7. 8
Total		Rs. 2363.7.10
Total receipts for second quarter		Rs. 2403.1. 6
Total disbursements for second quarter		2363.7.10
Balance, July 1, 1903		Rs. 39.9. 8

IV.—SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, ENDING JUNE 30, 1903.

The Summer vacation interrupts the work of the second quarter. The school closed April 27th, and on the 28th all the boarders left for their village homes. The total number enrolled was 139, but several were withdrawn during vacation and although a few new pupils were admitted, we reopened school on June 19th with only 137 on the rolls. Of these, some for various reasons have not yet returned, so that probably still more names must be removed from the list. One little one, a non-Christian of the first standard, was removed by death. She was a bright little girl and always listened to the Bible lessons with great interest. An incident of this kind always affects the attendance of the heathen girls, for the parents and others, in their ignorance and superstition, attribute the death to the child's attendance in a Christian school.

Four of the boarding girls were removed on account of marriage. It grieves me very much to see how anxious many of the Christian parents are to have their daughters, mere girls, simply children, to take this most serious step so early in life. Methinks something could be done to create a sentiment in the Christian Church against these early marriages, which are the cause of an ignorant, weakly, crippled Christian womanhood in the coming generation. At present, anything and everything but the welfare of the girl seems to be taken into consideration.

The staff of teachers in the school remains unchanged.

The training student spent the vacation at her home and returned to Guntur, June 28th.

Scholarships.—Of the 44 letters sent to the patrons in February, only eleven were responded to, yet they must have been received, for I received but one returned through the dead letter office. On June 30th, the first semi-annual reports, 47 in number, were sent out.

Repairs.—The roof of the dormitory was retiled and other necessary repairs attended to during vacation.

New Building.—The foundations and basement of the addition to the schoolhouse was also completed and the work will be continued after the rains.

The most necessary filling up and grading of the grounds was done, but the rising of the tank did not permit me to remove quite all the earth required.

Expenditures.—The accounts for the half-year show that the whole expenditures for everything except the repairs and up-keep of the buildings and grounds, amounted to one dollar per child a month, which satisfies me that the $15.00 scholarship will be quite sufficient for all our needs, including the Training School.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

Copy of Report on the advisability of establishing a Training School in connection with our Girls' Boarding School. The committee consisted of Miss Schade and Revs. Arps and Neudoerffer.

The committee is of the opinion that a Training School should be established in connection with our Girls' Boarding School for the purpose of training teachers for girls' schools and offers the following information and suggestions:

1. We have learned from the Inspectress of Girls' Schools that the field is clear for us, no one having yet applied for permission to establish such a school in this centre, and that the Government will give the necessary help in salary grants and stipends. Qualified teachers are eligible to half grant. The stipend paid to Lower Secondary students is six rupees a month, and to Primary students, five rupees.

2. The additional expense will be comparatively little, as the stipends will more than cover the expense of the students (boarding and books), and the salaries saved by having the training students teach the lower classes will go towards making up the other half of the salaries of the training teachers.

3. There are no special requirements with regard to buildings, only that sufficient room shall be provided.

The committee suggests:

1. That inasmuch as the field is clear, the necessary steps be at once taken to establish this Training School.

2. That the school be of the Lower Secondary grade.

3. That the necessary addition to the building required for this purpose, be erected from the school fund, viz: from grants.

4. That all arrangements be made with a view to opening the school in January, 1904.

V.—REPORT ON ZENANA WORK.

This branch of work was left unprovided for when, in March, 1902, Miss Sadtler retired from the Mission, but it was therefore not dropped. Miss Strempfer, who was to have taken charge of it, was then ill and had also not completed the study of the language and finally was obliged to return to America in March, 1903. Thus, as so often before in the history of the mission, when laborers were few, others assumed the work and did "the best they could under existing circumstances." More than a year has thus passed by. Although not a satisfactory way of doing, yet we were able to hold the ground and opened more homes, increasing the number of pupils. One Bible woman spends her whole time in teaching in these homes and two others employed in the Dispensary work spend part of their time. The number of these high caste homes in which the Word is being taught is 100, and the number of the women regularly taught is 342. Besides these there are always others who hear the lessons, so that during the month a few hundred are reached with an occasional lesson, besides the regular pupils.

Compared with ten years ago, when neither the Word nor teachers of the Word were wanted in these homes, the work is hopeful and encouraging. The interest in the lessons is increasing and many more homes are ready to open had we but the proper teachers to send to them. In making the round of these homes one cannot but be impressed with the earnestness shown by many of the women and the signs of an awakening faith in the One true God and in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. We believe that many believe, and we know that the Word is to many a source of comfort in their sorrows and a help in times of temptations. The Hindu mother who at the cot of her sick child prays to Jesus and says "Lord, thou who didst calm the sea and still the waves, thou canst also restore my child to health" is not without faith. The suffering woman who in her lonely room turns to her New Testament to find strength to endure patiently, is not without faith. Secret disciples they are and the Lord in His own time will give them strength and courage to make a confession of their faith, and enable them to endure persecution and the separation from those they love and all other hardships which they now still dread.

Come as some do and will into the church, the history of the Zenana work everywhere shows that the women will not come in great numbers,

but are waiting and will wait until their husbands and brothers and sons are also taught the way and led into the fold. A Hindu woman wisely remarked "We must all be taught and then we will come together." This is the only solution to the problem. While Zenana teaching which has spread like a great network over the land, is doing much to undermine the great stronghold of Hinduism, yet if the men of those classes are not brought under the influence of the Gospel, the work is but half done. We shall work on, patiently trusting that greater efforts will be put forth to bring the Gospel influence to bear upon the men of those classes and will rejoice in faith in the future day when others will reap the harvest for which we are now sowing the seed.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

REPORT OF ZENANA WORK FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1903.

This part of the work was regularly carried on except in May when the Bible woman was granted her usual vacation. During that month I managed to visit most of the homes and keep in touch with the women who there hear and read the Word. Some time was also spent in teaching some Mala women in Korlamgudi petta, where several young men seem to be ready to receive baptism. With so small a force of workers and so many homes of the Caste people open, no more work can be undertaken, nevertheless it seems that something should be done also for these women. House to house visiting is out of question, but perhaps weekly gatherings of some kind could be arranged for. We should by all means put forth efforts to reach all classes.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

RAJAHMUNDRY, April 1 to July 1, 1903.

VI.—MEDICAL WORK REPORT.

The Dispensary attendance has been very good. Except in May it was somewhat less on account of the numerous weddings and festivities; many had no time to attend to their physical ailments. But as soon as the season was over there was a marked increase in the daily attendance.

From January 1 to June 30, 1903, there were 2,015 new patients; visits, 3,035; total, 5,050; house visits, 413.

As a rule the patients listen attentively to the Bible lessons and some try to learn the Lyrics that are sung, while they wait for their turn. The other day a new patient began to tell me about her sick child while we were having opening prayer. Another woman told her to be quiet. "But why can I not talk? and why do they read and sing," she asked. The answer came promptly, "Why don't you know they pray to the true God, who then blesses the Dorasahnic medicine and we get well very soon."

The work is very interesting both in its spiritual development as in the treatment room. The patient's confidence, at times, is most touching, and their gratitude very pathetic. The only sad part is that so many must be turned off heartsore and disappointed because we have no proper place to keep and care for them.

ZENANA CLASSES.

The Bible women after their mid-summer vacation are again teaching the Zenana classes in the afternoon. They were all glad to see them. It is encouraging to see how our plain but earnest Christian women are made welcome in some of the wealthy and orthodox homes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The early morning Sunday-school at our bungalow is usually well attended by men, women and children from the Mala village near by. Except a few, all are non-Christians.

The last month a Sunday-school has been started after morning service, in the Dispensary rooms. This little Sunday-school promises to be the means of spreading the Gospel among the Brahman children in Innespetta. The attendance has been from 30 to 40. All are school children, bright and attentive. It is a pleasure to teach them and hear them recite the Scripture texts on their tickets. At first the girls would not allow the boys to come. But a number ventured in and asked if they could come, too, to see the pictures and hear the story their sisters talked about at home. I put the question to the girls, and as the boys were relatives to some of them, it was decided that the boys may come, and it seems that ere long they will outnumber the girls. We then shall make two departments. Thus in various ways the seed is dropped in the hope and trust that the Lord will give its increase in due time.

L. WOERNER.

VII.—THE GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL.

This school has just completed the 8th year of its history. It is no longer an experiment, but a well-established school forming an important factor in our Mission's work. Begun under rather peculiar circumstances and in an humble way, we have great reason to rejoice over the continuous blessings received throughout this period of time. Begun with 29 boarders, the number gradually increased until during the Spring session it reached 108; including day pupils, a total of 139 were enrolled. Begun with a borrowed teacher, it has for the past several years been supplying most of its own teachers. Begun in a rented building with three small rooms 12 ft. by 14 ft., which answered both for school and sleeping rooms, we appreciate our own present comfortable dormitory with accommodation for 120 boarders, and a five-room school-house with two more rooms in course of erection.

The aim of the school, viz: To train the girls to become earnest and useful Christian women, so that it might be, as it were, a suitable helpmeet to our Boys' Seminary, and also that it should form the source from whence we should draw the helpers for all our women's work, is never left out of view. But in this as also in other departments of Mission work, our plans are often thwarted because of the people themselves in whose interests we are working, not realizing the benefit we are seeking to bestow upon them. The two great hindrances in this part of the work are:

First, the gross ignorance of many of the Christian parents who deem

it quite unnecessary for girls to have any education whatever and of many others who are satisfied with the mere beginnings and consider a child educated even before she is able to read the Gospel stories profitably.

Second, the custom of early marriages. Of those who may be willing to have their daughters complete their primary education, many are not willing to depart from this ancient social custom and withdraw the girls from school at the early age of 13 and 14, when in no respect fitted to discharge the responsibilities which they must assume so early in life. It requires patience and perseverance, but we are gradually working towards the desired end, and we dare not be discouraged with the weaknesses of this only the second generation of Christians.

The neat appearance of the buildings and grounds, as well as the results attained in the school room, have drawn the attention of the educated Hindus towards this school, and our fond hope is that the advancement of the Christian girls may prove an incentive to them to seek the same benefits for their daughters and thus bring to them light and deliverance from many of their social evils.

In order to make the school still more efficient and have the training of our own teachers and helpers in our own hand, it has been decided to open a Training department in connection with the school, which, if the sanction of the Government can be obtained, will be opened in January, 1904. This will enable us to supply our demand for native teachers and to open more schools and gather in the children who are here by thousands and hear nothing of the Saviour of the world whom to proclaim we have come into this distant land. Teaching the children is the shortest way to the evangelization of the nation and the world.

The matter of self-support in this department of the Church's work often preys upon our minds. However, with the existing conditions above mentioned, not much can be expected. To this is added the poverty of the people, which is a very great hindrance in educational work. However, if neither money nor kind is available, labor is, and it is through labor (included under self-support) that this school is trying to do all it can to help pay its own expenses and relieve the Mission Board in the support of the same. The Government grant received is based on the results of the school work and is thus a real earning of the school, a reward for faithful labor. Certain expenses are regularly defrayed from this fund, among which are the repairs and upkeep of buildings and grounds, inexpensive improvements on the same, and the ordinary contingencies in the school-room work. During the past year the amount thus expended amounted to nearly one-fifth of the entire cost of the school. The new addition to the school building required for the Training department will be erected from these funds, as also a teachers' quarters now under contemplation. These building operations completed, a certain amount of this fund will be available for the paying, at least in part, of the teachers' salaries, and thus we hope from year to year to draw nearer our ideal of a self-supporting Christian Girls' School.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

VIII.—REPORT OF THE A. E. L. M. CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY.

During the last three months this school of ours has continued exerting its quiet influence over the caste children in attendance. One session a day was held in April, afternoon sessions being out of the question on account of the heat.

Instead of closing our Sunday-school, the time of opening was changed from 2.00 to 4.30 o'clock. The attendance was very good.

On the 28th of April, both school and Sunday-school sessions were discontinued for a time. The hot season over, school was reopened on the 22d of June.

It was indeed a happy band of children which greeted its teachers with a joyful "Salaam" on the morning of that day. We were all glad to see each other once again.

On the following Friday we celebrated the King's birthday with appropriate exercises.

Expenses for the quarter ending June 30,, 1903, amounted to Rs. 84.4.7.

Monday, the 29th of June, after a very short illness, the Saviour took one of our dear girls to Himself. It made us all feel very sad, for we miss this happy child very much. Happy she always was, and to learn about Jesus her Saviour was her chief delight. God knew what was best when He took her to her Heavenly Home, but it was hard for us to part with her.

With God's help we will soon be able to reach more of these dear children with the Light of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,

July 8, 1903. EMILIE L. WEISKOTTEN.

The A. E. L. M. Caste Girls' School is the only one in our Mission for caste girls, and was begun by Mrs. Schmidt in the year 1882. In connection with it there is a Sunday-school opened in 1893 by Miss Sadtler.

This school is attended by non-Christian caste children only, of whom there are at present 76 on the roll, instructed by the three Christian teachers, J. Esther, J. Rhoda, and G. Ratnama. It is a Lower Primary school, instruction being given no higher than the Third Standard.

Twenty-five new pupils have been received during the year 1903, and leave has been given 17 because of their parents' removal from town, and to 10 because needed in their homes. One child has died.

Government granted Rupees 200 in March, 1903, which money has been used in defraying the general expenses, such as teachers' salaries, etc. Cost of school to the Mission, Rs. 64.12.9, during the year ending March 31, 1903.

St. John's and St. Mark's English Lutheran congregations in Philadelphia, each give $150 for the support of this school.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WEISKOTTEN, Manager.

July 21, 1903.

APPENDIX V.

MISSION WORKERS IN THE TADDEPALLIGUDEM DISTRICT.

REV. E. NEUDOERFFER, MISSIONARY.

Name.	Salary.	Name.	Salary.
1. Ella Zecharia	Rs. 6.	12. Oba Solomon	6.
2. Kandikatla John	6.	13. Pattula Benjamin ...	7.
3. Ganzi Enoch	6.4.0	14. Udumudi Abraham ..	5.
4. Mailabattula Peter ...	6.4.0	15. Vipparti Christian ...	5.
5. Lankapalli Yohan	6.8.0	16. Lankapalli Nathaniel..	5.
6. Lankapalli Daniel	6.	17. Potti Aaron	8.
7. Gogulamudi Satyanandam	6.	18. Portla Daniel	6.
8. Etakota Yohan	7.	19. Mailabattula Meshek..	8.
9. Busi Bhushanam	7.	20. Nammi Isaac	7.
10. Podapati Mark	6.4.0	21. Cheybattula Barnabas	5.8.0
11. Dajamy Nathaniel ...	6.8.0	22. Penumala Devadass..	6.
		23. Alamuri Shadrach ...	6.

MISSION WORKERS IN THE TALLAPUDI DISTRICT.

REV. E. NEUDOERFFER, MISSIONARY.

Name.	Salary.	Name.	Salary.
1. Arlappa Anandappan.	Rs.20.	16. Vemuluri Jacob	8.
2. Nela Isaac	9.	17. Vemuluri Jacob	7.
3. Buditti Narainaswami	8.	18. Gaddam Lazarus	6.8.0
4. Ravuri Abraham	9.	19. Gurlinki Lazarus	7.
5. Balla Anandam	8.8.0	20. Kukarla Lyman	8.
6. Busi Albert	7.	21. Varra Mary	4.
7. Ganta Abraham	8.	22. Rundamahanti Oscar Row	6.8.0
8. Emuluri Benjamin ...	8.	23. Ravati Peter	
9. Sade Bhushanam	6.8.0	24. Silla Prakasim	6.
10. Dajalapalli Pedda Bramiah	8.	25. Ganti Sadhuvu	8.
11. Dajalapalli Chinna Bramiah	8.	26. Muppadi Samuel	6.
12. Chennagurdi Cornelius	6.	27. Ponitala Samuel	7.
13. Pitala Devadanamu ..	6.	28. Kandimi Yohann	6.8.0
14. Penamarkas Dvarkadas	7.	29. Gaddam Jivaratnam...	7.8.0
15. Raya Gabriel	6.8.0	30. Arlappa Anna	5.
		31. Boddi Joseph	6.

MISSION WORKERS IN THE A. E. L. MISSION, GODAVERI DISTRCIT, INDIA.

J. H. HARPSTER, MISSIONARY.

Name.	Age.	Salary.	Entered Service.
Bhimavaram Field			
Rev. Jeriprolu William	40	Rs.25.	1878
1. Potti Gnanaprakasim	55	8.	1870
2. Pidakala Moses	48	7. 8.0	1884
3. Godi Pradesi	52	7. 8.0	1881
4. Aleti Benjamin	32	6.	1885
5. Palaparti Nathaniel	28	6. 8.0	1891
6. Manukonda Lazarus	32	6. 4.0	1891
7. Pilli James	31	7.	1891
8. Mutyam Alexander	33	6. 0.0	1891
9. Potti Stephen	32	5. 8.0	1891
10. Nittala Moses	32	6. 0.0	1891
11. Eathi James	36	6. 8.0	1891

12. Chikkili Joseph	32	6.12.0	1889
13. Palaparti Lazarus	29	6. 8.0	1895
14. Addunki Isaac	35	6. 0.0	1885
15. Talluri Lazarus	35	6. 4.0	1892
16. Pidikala Barnabas	28	7. 0.0	1893
17. Matta Cornelius	30	7. 0.0	1893
18. Vellagapalli Alfred	28	7. 0.0	1895
19. Ella Job	28	6. 8.0	1895
20. Gaddam Jacob	27	6. 0.0	1896
21. Pilli Yohan	25	6. 0.0	1896
22. Varthanapu Joseph	28	7. 0.0	1897
23. Pothi Nathaniel	28	6. 0.0	1894
24. Pidikala Nathan	29	6. 8.0	1897
25. Pattem Daniel	26	6. 8.0	1897
26. Sandi Prakasim	29	6. 8.0	1897
27. Talluri Jacob	32	5.12.0	1891
28. Kandikalla Jonathan	27	6. 0.0	1898
29. Nakka Joseph	26	6. 8.0	1898
30. Manukonda James	26	6. 0.0	1899
31. Bhopati Matthew	26	7. 0.0	1897
32. Potti Lazarus	34	6. 0.0	1885
33. Mailabattulu Martin	26	7. 0.0	1898
34. Betala Peter	28	7. 0.0	1898
35. Sandi Barnabas	29	6. 0.0	1896
36. Dudala Isaac	30	6. 0.0	1895
37. Marathi John	26	6. 8.0	1896
38. Maialabattula Shadrach	35	6. 8.0	1893
39. Kandavalli Christian	30	6. 0.0	1889
40. Peruri Samuel	55	5. 0.0	1900
41. Talluri Shadrach	23	8. 0.0	1901
42. Velagapalli Prakasim	23	6.12.0	1901
43. Dasari Ydah	21	6. 8.0	1901
44. Pidikala Ezekiel	22	6. 0.0	1902
45. Varthanapu Yesudas	22	6. 0.0	1902
46. Aleti Lazarus	23	6. 0.0	1902
47. Nambala Paul	23	5. 0.0	1902
48. Betala Stayanandam	26	6. 0.0	1902
49. Podapati Philip	24	5. 0.0	1902
50. Podapati Samuel	24	5. 0.0	1902
51. Balay Moses	23	6. 0.0	1902
52. Gampala Shadrach	21	5. 0.0	1902
53. Gutla Joseph	21	5. 0.0	1902
54. Kandavalli Daniel	22	5. 0.0	1902
55. Muppadi Samuel	22	5. 0.0	1902
56. Lankapalli Benjamin	25	7. 0.0	1902
57. Pidikala Nathaniel	22	5. 0.0	1902
58. Pitta Jacob	22	5. 0.0	1902
59. Boddu Devadanamu	22	5. 0.0	1902
60. Vunnamattala Mark	20	5. 0.0	1902
61. Pidikala Caleb	39	6. 8.0	1885
63. Talluri Jivaratnam	24	6. 0.0	1901
64. Kandavalli Lazarus	23	6. 0.0	1902
65. Battina John	55	8. 0.0	1889
66. Pitala Abraham	40	6. 8.0	1890
67. Torta Samuel	35	7. 0.0	1890
68. Battina Samuel	35	5. 0.0	1900
69. Sasum Isaac	25	5. 8.0	1900
70. Dagatla Daniel	24	5. 8.0	1900
71. Battina Prakasim	21	5. 8.0	1901

MISSION WORKERS IN THE MAHADEVAPATNAM DISTRICT.

J. H. Harpster, Missionary.

	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Entered Service.
1.	Rev. C. James	45	Rs.25.	1879
2.	Poturazu Mark	30	8.	1891
3.	Gotla Cornelius	45	7.	1879
4.	Palamuri Meschek	35	6. 8.0	1885
5.	Palapati Samuel	26	6. 8.0	1897
6.	Chitturi Andrew	28	6. 8.0	1897
7.	Palamuri David	30	6. 4.0	1887
8.	Namburi Prakasim	24	6. 4.0	1899
9.	Rapaka Daniel	22	6.	1901
10.	Nelapati Benj.	30	6.	1893
11.	Gandi Paul	25	6.	1901
12.	Gopi Meschek	25	5.	1902
13.	Vipparti Prakasim	22	5.	1901
14.	Manukonda Matthew	25	5.	1902
15.	Addunki Benj.	22	5.	1902
16.	Putsakayalu Priyanadhurdu	23	5.	1902
17.	Ella Sadhuvu	24	5.	1901

MISSION WORKERS IN THE DOWLAISHWARAM FIELD.

Rev. R. Arps, Missionary.

	Name.	Salary.
1.	Rev. P. Vencata Ratnam	Rs.25.
2.	J. Daniel Henry	18.
3.	Katem Jeremiah	7.
4.	Sadeh Yohan	5.
5.	Nalli Thomas	7.
6.	Mungumuri Yesudass.	8.
7.	G. Joseph	5.8.0
8.	Mogalapu Lazarus	8.
9.	Polumati Lazarus	6.8.0
10.	Mangam Lazarus	6.8.0
11.	Balla Lazarus	6.8.0
12.	Pilli Lazarus	7.
13.	Raya Samuel	8.
14.	Rayapati Samuel	6.8.0
15.	Edla Samuel	7.
16.	Kanipilli Samuel	6.8.0
17.	Dandinga Samuel	5.8.0
18.	Prodaku Yohan	7.
19.	Irlaparti Yohann	6.8.0
20.	Katem Yohann	6.8.0
21.	Tuluri Solomon	6.8.0
22.	Gunnupu Solomon	6.8.0
23.	Edla Devadass	6.8.0
24.	Raya Yakobu	6.8.0
25.	Tulluri Cornelius	5.
26.	Balla Cyrus	5.8.0
27.	Mogalapu Srinivasam.	6.
28.	Raya Anna	5.
29.	Satyala Abraham	6.
30.	Gedala Alfred	6.

SAMULKOT DISTRICT.

Rev. R. Arps, Missionary.

	Name.	Salary.
1.	Jeriprolu John	Rs.18.
2.	Jeriprolu Komati	7.
3.	Vakap Prakasim	8.
4.	Raya David	9.
5.	Vepuri Kantamma	5.
6.	Poturazu Subaravrdu.	7.
7.	Patta Buttiah	6.8.0
8.	Busi Elisha	6.8.0
9.	Nattala William	8.
10.	Yati Venkataswami	7.
11.	M. Luke	6.
12.	R. Venkataratnam	6.
13.	S. Kanakaya	7.
14.	Nattala Charlotte	3.
15.	Jatti Isaiah	7.
16.	Karre Moses	7.8.0
17.	Nutana Yohann	6.8.0
18.	Jeriprolu Mark	5.
19.	Karre Anna	3.
20.	Alip Kantamma	3.
21.	Shante Kantamma	3.
22.	Bodu Anna	3.
23.	Kandavalli Davidu	6.
24.	Motekuri Yohann	6.

APPENDIX VI.

LIST OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT OF TEACHERS.

Zion's, Rockford, Ill., teacher, 1901	$50 00
Calumet, Mich., S. S., teacher, 1901	20 00
First Church S. S., Galesburg, Ill., teacher, 1902	50 00
Leechburg, Pa., W. H. F. M. S., teacher, 1903	20 00
Beaver Falls S. S., native worker, 1902	10 00
Rev. and Mrs. Critchlow in memory of Maria C., teacher, 1902	35 00
W. M. S., Zion's, Lancaster, teacher, 1902(½)	15 00
A member of church at South Bend, Ind.	
Mission, per Rev. I. Whitman, Tr., Chicago S., teacher, 1902	50 00
Women's M. S., Grace, Lancaster, teacher, 1902	50 00
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Boyer, Reading, teacher, 1902	30 00
Wm. Benbow, teacher, 1902	30 00
Ladies' Society, Calumet, teacher, 1902	30 00
First Church, Galesburg, Ill. teacher, 1903	50 00
Swedish Lutheran Cong., Cannon Falls, Minn., V. J. Moses, teacher, 1902	125 00
Hannah Fichthorn, teacher, Parvula David.	
Trinity L. League, Middleport, O., Pilla Yohan, teacher, 1902	30 00
Mustard Seed Soc., Burlington, Ia., David Henry, teacher, 1902	60 00
Altoona, Gilbert James, teacher, 1902	40 00
Children's Hospital, Drexel Home, Phila., teacher, 1903	30 00
Miss Mary Showalter, Norristown, Boosi Bhooshanam, teacher, 1903	28 00
Mrs. P. Hofmann, Buffalo, N. Y., Patti Aaron, teacher, 1903.	

APPENDIX VII.—LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PATRONS IN THE BOYS' SCHOOL

No.	Name.	Age.	Class	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
*1.	Karra Satyanandam	16	Form III.	Bhimavaram	Melanchthon	Rev. J. Shunk and wife, Williamsburg, Ontario, Canada
*2.	Manakonda John	14	Form IV.	Bhimavaram	Long Memorial	Miss E. Falckner's class, Holy Trinity, N. Y. City
3.	Budi Martin	15	Pri. Stand. 4	Bhimavaram	Bethany	Boys' Luther League, Baden, Pa.
4.	Vipati Venkataratnam	13	Primary	Bhimavaram	Gust. Adolphus	Sunday-school, Stanton, Iowa
*5.	Vatanapu Andrea	14	Primary	Bhimavaram	Drexel	S. S., First Evangelical Lutheran church, Pittsburg, Pa.
*6.	Goda Sadhuvu	13	Primary	Bhimavaram	Trinity	S. S., Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.
*7.	Konala Prakasem	13	Primary	Bhimavaram	W. J. Mann	S. S., Frieden's church, Myerstown, Pa., Rev. Dr. Schantz
8.						
9.	Pidakala Krupadanam	13	Primary	Bhimavaram	Schindel	Egypt and Mickley's churches, Lehigh Co., Pa.
*10.	Battala John	10	Primary	Bhimavaram	Augsburg	Luther League, Leechburg, Pa., Rev. M. L. Zweizig
11.	Manakonda John	10	Primary	Bhimavaram	Upsala	Sunday-school, Swedish church, Zelienople, Pa.
*12.	Adidetha Sundarow	10	Primary	Bhimavaram	Hasselquist	St. Michael's Mission League, Sellersville, Pa., Rev. J. H. Waidelich
13.	Velagapalla Isaac	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Emanuel	Emanuel Sunday-school. Philadelphia
14.	Bhosi David	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Passavant	Swedish church, Christene Lake, Pa.
*15.	Namburi Devadanam	19	Form VI.	Bhimavaram	Zion's	Ladies' Mission League, Wheeling, W. Va., Rev. S. B. Stupp
*16.	Polapatt Isaac	13	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	C. W. Shaeffer	Mission Society, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila., Pa., Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss
*17.	Pallikonda Jesudass	14	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Melaprolu Paulus	Miss Libbie Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
*18.	Chitturi Jesudass	11	3d Standard		St. Mark's	Miss Susan A. Nippes, Bustleton, Pa.
*19.	Pidakala Sampson	19	Form VI.	Bhimavaram		W. H. and F. S., Grace, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. E. C. Haupt, D.D.
*20.	Ravi Samuel	9	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Artman Memorial	St. Stephen's, Phila., Pa., Rev. Geo. Drach
21.	Inti Joseph	12	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		St. John's Lutheran church, Kittanning, Pa.
22.						
23.	Pidakala Jeevaratnam	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Evans	St. Peter's Sunday-school, Evans City, Pa., M. H. Beanecker, Treasurer
24.	Peetala Ruben	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		Willing Workers, Infant class, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila.
25.	Polamuri Gabriel	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	Rieg	Miss G. J. Rieg's class, Warren, Pa.
*26.	Allamuri Mark	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram	W. J. Passavant Memorial	Christ Church, Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. J. L. Smith
*27.						
*28.	Kokirigedda Jesudass	13	Primary	Bhimavaram	John Arndt	The Misses Worley, Trinity, Reading, Pa.
29.	Vagiri Benjamin	15	Form I.	Bhimavaram	Davis Garber	Miss Garber, Allentown, Pa.
*30.	Poturasu Prakasem	12	Form I.	Bhimavaram	Calvin Seaman Memorial	Mrs. A. E. Seaman and Bible class, Frackville, Pa., Rev. H. T. Clymer
31.	Battula Moses	15	Form I.	Bhimavaram	Warren	First English Lutheran church, Warren, Pa.
32.						
*33.	Pantagani Gabriel	11	Form II.	Bhimavaram		Rev. P. Hoeffer, Middlepoint, Ohio.
34.	Kandikatla John	16	Form IV.	Bhimavaram		Gothard E. Blomberg, Albert City, Ia.
35.	Medapati David	13	Primary	Bhimavaram		Luther League, Middlepoint, Ohio, Rev. H. N. Miller
*36.						
*37.	Talluri Meschech	14	Form I.	Bhimavaram		Dr. C. H. Harry, 1004 DeKalb St., Norristown, Pa.
*38.	Didla Jesudass	15	Form I.	Korakonda	B. M. Schmucker	S. S., Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa., Rev. O. P. Smith, D.D.
39.	Nammabattalu Lazarus	14	Form I.	Korakonda		Senops Kornet, Swedish church, Burlington, Ia.
40.	Tadepalli Jacob	16	3d Standard	Korakonda	Carlson Memorial	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
41.					Mary Wagner	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
42.	Nelaprolu Isaac	15	Form IV.	Rajahmundry	Gustavus Vasa	S. S., Swedish church, Ophiem, Ill.
*43.	Mupadi Johann	19	Form IV.	Rajahmundry		Rev. Frank Buchman, 6201 Lancaster Av., Overbrook, Phila., Pa.
44.						
45.	Vemana Paradesi	11	Primary	Dowlaishwaram	Althouse	Infant class, St. John's, Easton, Pa.
*46.	Raya Theophilus	12	Primary	Dowlaishwaram	Krauth	Young Women's Bible class, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. F. A. Kaehler.
*47.	Pasupuleti Manasseh	17	Form V.	Dowlaishwaram	Becker Memorial	S. S., Grace Church, Franklin, Pa., J. G. Thompson, Secretary

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
*48.	Veralli Paul	13	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram	Withenberg	Rev. P. Isenschmidt, Wilmington, Del.
*49.	Bandi Joseph	10	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram		S. S., St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila., Pa., Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss.
*50.						
*51.	Gopala Samuel	12	Form III.	Dowlaishwaram	Halle	Nils Magnussen, Pueblo, Col., U. S. A.
52.	Raya Isaiah	17	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		Rev. S. Kronberg, Melby, Minn.
*53.	Sittabattala Anandam	16	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		J. F. Jones, 5818 Wentworth Av., Chicago. Ill.
*54.	Dolla Samuel	15	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. C. Howard Harry, 1004 DeKalb St., Norristown, Pa.
55.	Kandevalli Isaac	18	Form III.	Samulkot	Esbjorn	Swedish church, Altoona, Pa.
*56.	Pilli Mark	12	Form I.	Samulkot	S. Ansgar	W. H. and F. M. S., Norristown, Pa., Rev. Robert D. Roeder.
57.						
58.						
59.	Pilli Prakasem	10	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram	Salem	S. S., Swedish church, Chicago, Ill.
60.	Somabattala Samuel	13	Form II.	Samulkot	Brockton	Rev. V. N. Thoreen, Malmoe, Neb.
61.	Jetti Sikamani	10	3d Standard	Samulkot	St. James	Miss L. Grim, Allentown. Pa.
62.	Gitla Timothy	17	Form IV.	Korakonda		Rev. J. Moody, Axel P. O., Minn.
63.	Polamethi Cornelius	15	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		S. S., New Holland, Pa.
64.	Gummadi Satyanandam	16	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		Swedish church, Burlington, Ia.
*65.	Mudi Thomas	10	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram	Indiana	Ladies' Miss. Soc., Mulberry, Indiana, Mrs. Allison Jacoby, President.
*66.	Jetti Jeevaratnam	15	Form I.	Samulkot		Rev. F. M. Eckman, Centre City, Chicago Co., Minn.
67.	Talluri Venkataratnam	16	Form II.	Samulkot	Bonander	Swedish church, Vleits, Kans.
68.						
69.	Sordadasi Daniel	18	Primary	Tallapudi		Swedish church, Arnst, Pa.
70.	Podapati Joseph	17	Form I.	Tallapudi	Axtell	Rev. C. A. Lonnquist, Axtell, Kans.
*71.	Rasupola Prakasem	14	Primary	Tallapudi	Wartburg	Im., Meriden, Conn.; 1st Ev. Luth., Southington, Conn., Rev. Tappert, Meriden.
72.	Balley Anandam	26	Primary	Tallapudi		S. S., Zelienople. Pa., Rev. L. O. Benze.
73.	Nittala Prakasarow	11	Primary	Tallapudi	Arlington	A. C. Bertsch, Arlington. Col.
74.	Dajalapilli Philip	14	Form III.			Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie. Pa.
*75.	Nutangi Prakasem	16	Form III.	Tallapudi	Muhlenberg	S. S., Trinity Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D.
*76.	Mandalaya Premanandam	17	Form I.	Tallapudi	Father Heyer	F. H. Society, Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Phila, Pa.
*78.	Tellam Paulu	12	2d Standard	Tallapudi	Lydia	Ladies' Miss. Society, Mulberry, Indiana. Mrs. Allison Jacoby, President.
*79.	Pottla Samuel	17	Primary	Tallapudi	Stanton	Lutheran S. S., Stanton, Iowa. Gustaf Johnson, Vice-Superintendent.
80.	Badditti Luke	14	Primary	Tallapudi	Golden Gate	Mrs. Boilean Alle Peterson, Oakland, Cal.
*81.	Velluri Samuel	14	Primary	Tallapudi		Bustleton, Phila.
*82.	Vara Zachariah	15	Form III.	Tallapudi	Francke	Emmanuel Lutheran church. Germantown, Ohio, Rev. A. F. Siebert.
*83.	Polapati Joshua	14	Form I.	Tallapudi		Mrs. J. O. Knipe. 528 Swede St., Norristown, Pa., U. S. A.
*84.	Tali Joseph	16	Form IV.	Tadepalligudem		
85.	Razula Moses	9	3d Standard	Tadepalligudem	Gnernstedt	S. S., St. Mark's, New York.
86.	Potti David	16	Form III.	Tadepalligudem	Timothy	
*87.	Kaligiti Joseph	16	Primary	Tadepalligudem	Phoebe	Mission Society, St. Peter's, Bethlehem, Pa., Rev. J. O. Leibensperger.
*88.	Pidakala Satyanandam	10	Primary	Bhimavaram		St. Mark's, Pennsburg. Pa.
*89.	Kara Ruben	10	Primary	Bhimavaram		Swedish Lutheran church, Pontiac, R. I.
*90.	Mailabattalu Jeevaratnam	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		Mustard Seed Society. Burlington. Iowa. Miss Mary Lund, Sec'y.
*91.	Ravi Joseph	13	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		Mr. and Mrs. James Yocum, Reading, Pa.
*92.	Ganji Nathanael	12	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		Mission Society, G. C. Lutheran Ch., Altoona, Pa., Rev. C. L. Boecele.
93.	Pilli Anandam	11	Form II.	Bhimavaram		Christ Church Mission League, Pittsburg, Pa.
*94.	Addanki Samuel	18	Form I.	Bhimavaram		Swedish Lutheran Bible class, Brockton, Mass.
*95.	Manda Nathanael	15	Form III.	Bhimavaram		Mrs. Charles Heinitsch, Lancaster, Pa.

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*96.	Vagiri Joseph	15	Form I.	Bhimavaram		Trinity Luther League, Norristown, Pa.
*97.	Kunchelapilli David	12	Form I.	Bhimavaram		
*98.	Polapati Cornelius	17	Primary	Bhimavaram		Mission Band, Trinity Lutheran church, Bangor, Pa.
99.	Katragadda Shadrach	12	Primary	Bhimavaram		St. Stephen's S. S., Toledo, Ohio.
*100.	Ponuku Nathanael	16	Form III.	Bhimavaram		Miss Bertha Walter's class, Tacoma, Wash.
*101.	Alamuri Paul	13	Primary	Bhimavaram		Miss Mary Showalter, Norristown, Pa., U. S. A.
102.	Talluri Krupadanam	10	3d Standard	Bhimavaram		Henry Kuntz, Slatington, Pa.
*103.	Manakonda Sadhuvu	10	3d Standard			S. S. of Redeemer and Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., Rev. Dr. Frick.
*104.	Vermaluri Joseph	14	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		General Council Mission League, Monaca.
*105.	Mangamuri Sadhuvu	18	Form VI.	Dowlaishwaram		General Council Mission League, Monaca.
*106.	Matthew Samuel	18	Form VI.	Dowlaishwaram		W. H. and F. M. Soc., Ch. of the Redeemer, Albany, N. Y., Rev. H. D. Spaeth.
*107.	Pilli Jeevaratnam	15	Form IV.	Dowlaishwaram		Ladies' Society, Chicago Lake, Minnesota.
*108.	Patala Abel	12	Primary	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Leippe, Reading, Pa.
*109.	Jalari Jesudass	13	Primary	Dowlaishwaram		C. H. Schaeffer, Reading, Pa.
*110.	Matta Barnabas	14	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. K. and Others, Reading. Pa.
*111.	Mangam Abraham	15	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		W. H. and F. M. S., Trinity, Reading, Pa.
*112.	Battu Jesudass	13	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		Dr. Richards and Others, Reading, Pa.
*113.	Pilli Cornelius	10	Primary	Dowlaishwaram		W. S. Mohr, Reading, Pa.
*114.	Benjamin Wood		Form III.	Rajahmundry		Miss Mohr and Others, Reading, Pa.
*115.	Dilapali Richard	12	3d Standard	Tallapudi		Judge G. A. Endlich, Reading, Pa.
*116.	Boosi Peter	10	3d Standard	Tallapudi		A. R. Bard and Others, Reading, Pa.
*117.						
*118.	Kolli Peter	10	3d Standard	Tadepelligudem		Mrs. F. C. Smink, Reading, Pa.
*119.	Sikili Johann	16	Form I.	Tadepelligudem		Mrs. K. S. Muhlenberg, Reading, Pa.
*120.	Pattula Juda	10	3d Standard	Tadepelligudem		St. Paul's Church, Rochester. N. York.
*121.	Golapali Nathan	9	Primary	Tadepelligudem		John Magee, Church of the Atonement, Buffalo, N. Y.
*122.	Potla Elisha	10	Primary	Tadepelligudem		St. Martin S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
*123.	Metipudi Jacob	9	3d Standard	Tadepelligudem		Mission class, Brockton, Mass.
*124.	Vipati Israel	9	Primary	Tadepelligudem		Bethany congregation, Nebraska Conference.
*125.	Battala Prakasem	14	Form I.	Tadepelligudem		St. Michael's S. S., Sellersville, Pa.
126.	Golapalli Jesudass	14	Form I.	Tadepelligudem		Miss Kate Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa.
*127.	Brandilla Nathanael	13	Primary	Tadepelligudem		St. Maria's Church, care Rev. P. A. Behler, Grantville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
*128.	Barri Satyanandam	16	Primary	Tadepelligudem		Rev. J. A. Timm, Trinity Lutheran church, New Haven, Conn.
129.	Bandilla James	14	Primary	Tadepelligudem		Henry Kuntz, Slatington, Pa.
130.	Ganji Jacob	11	3d Standard	Tadepelligudem		Henry Kuntz, Slatington. Pa.
131.	Kaki Krupanandam	9	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram		Junior Missionary Society, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa.
132.	Dolla Jesudass	12	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram		
133.	Kajala Jesudass	8	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram		
134.	Battini Paradesi	13	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		
135.	Veeravala Abel	16	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		
136.	Vermuluri Samuel	15	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		
137.	Deva Samuel	15	Form II.	Dowlaishwaram		
138.	Ardala Satyanandam	10	Primary	Bhimavaram		
139.	Kolati John	16	Primary	Bhimavaram		
140.	Chila Mark	14	Form IV.	Bhimavaram		
141.	Arigella Jacob	12	Primary	Tadepelligudem		P. S. Ermold and Others, Reading, Pa.
142.	Gidla Devadanam	13	Primary	Dowlaishwaram		S. S. Trinity, Meadville, Pa.
143.	Pathuri Prakasem	10	3d Standard	Dowlaishwaram		
144.	Maddikonda Daniel	13	3d Standard	Rajahmundry		

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Prodduku Shantama	16	VII.	Dowlaishwaram	Mizpah	S. S., Church of Redeemer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2.	Giddi Annama	14	VII.	Dowlaishwaram	Dorcas	S. S., Zion's church, Treverton, Pa., Eva Raker, Sec'y.
3.	Raya Rosy	14	VII.	Samulkot		Swedish Lutheran church, Bristol, Conn.
4.	Tuluri Sundari	15	VII.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. O. S. Heller, Binghamton, N. Y.
5.	Manukonda Helena	14	VII.	Bhimavaram		Woman's Miss. Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
6.						
7.	Karre Manikiam	14	VII.	Samulkot	Helpers	Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa.
8.	Pidala Kantama	15	VII.	Bhimavaram		Mrs. Schütte, Erie Pa.
9.	Patipoli Lizzie	14	VI.	Korakonda	Metcalfe	Mr. E. P. Metcalfe, London, Eng.
10.	Navaphaktulu Mary	15	VI.	Korakonda		Lutheran League, Swedish church, Escanaba, Wis.
11.	Madigi Jogama	14	VI.	Samulkot	Emma Labarre Markram	Young Women's Society, St. John's, Colombia, Pa.
12.	Godi Krupavati	14	VI.	Bhimavaram		Mission Band, St. Paul's S. S., Millville, N. J.
13.	Pasupuleti Miriam	14	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		Boys' Junior Mission Band, Miamisburg, O.
14.	Kadiam Shantama	14	VI.	Bhimavaram	Busy Bee	Busy Bee Missionary Society, North Wales, Pa.
15.	Gopala Annama	15	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		S. S., Swedish church, Swedesborg, Neb.
16.	Vemuluri Annama	14	V.	Tallapudi		St. John's German church, Erie, Pa.
17.	Madigi Julia	12	V.	Samulkot		Rev. Erick Rehmer, Stockholm, Wis.
18.	Kattuli Katharine	14	V.	Bhimavaram	Confirmation Society	Swedish Lutheran church, Solyhood, Wis.
19.	Kandavalli Ruth	13	V.	Samulkot		Förrenninger Saner Hjaepsawet, Salt Lake City, Utah.
20.	Kandavalli Annama	12	V.	Samulkot		Children's Mission Society, Chicago, Ill.
21.	Kavvadapu Sundari	11	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Bible Class, Church of Atonement, Buffalo, N. Y.
22.	Polamuri Gnanaratnam	14	V.	Bhimavaram		Christ Church, Miss. League, Pittsburg, Pa.
23.	Dolla Alice	14	V.	Dowlaishwaram	Earnest Workers	Church of Redeemer, Albany, N. Y.
24.	Dylapalli Hulda	12	V.	Tallapudi		Young People's C. E. Society, Preston, Ontario, Canada.
25.	Pidakala Kantama	13	V.	Bhimavaram	Bateman	Mrs. Bateman, Norristown, Pa.
26.	Nalli Ratnam	12	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Little Folks' Miss. Band, Washington, Pa.
27.	Silla Mary	14	V.	Bhimavaram	Stella Mary	Grace English church, Newark, N. J.
28.	Edla Jemina	14	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Women's Miss. Society, Swedish Cong., Round Rock, Tex.
29.	Teli Satyavati	12	V.	Bhimavaram		
30.	Kodamanclela Rahel	12	IV-A	Tallapudi		St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
31.	Bade Mary	14	IV-A	Samulkot	Ruth Mary	Lutheran church, Salt Lake City, Utah.
32.	Alamuru Kantama	13	IV-A	Bhimavaram	Memorial	Misses M. and J. Baker, Erie, Pa.
33.	Veeravalli Kantama	12	IV-A	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Jennie Trout, Leechburg, Pa.
34.	Mogalapu Ratnam	12	IV-A	Dowlaishwaram	Deaconess	Miss. Society Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis.
35.	Polamuri Eleanora	11	IV-A	Bhimavaram	Ann Maurer	Miss Graeff, Germantown, Pa.
36.	Nalli Mary	13	IV-A	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Graeff, Germantown, Pa.
37.	Mylabattulu Esther	12	IV-A	Bhimavaram		St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
38.	Pilli Karuna	13	IV-A	Bhimavaram		English Ev. Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, Chicago Ill.
39.	Pottela Annama	14	IV-A	Bhimavaram		Johnstown Pa.
40.	Pottela Rhoda	12	IV-A	Bhimavaram		First Church, Pittsburg, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D. D.
41.	Sapala Mary	12	IV-A	Tallapudi		St John's German church, Erie, Pa., Rev. C. L. Benze.
42.	Kandavelli Karuna	14	IV-A	Bhimavaram		Junior League, Grace Church, Reading, Pa.
43.	Raya Rebecca	10	IV-A	Samulkot		
44.	Kadiam Kantama	11	IV-B	Tallapudi		Grace Church, Reading, Pa.
45.	Dolla Mary	12	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram		
46.	Gundrapu Mary	12	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram		
47.	Giddi Alice	10	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram	Linnaea	Seven ladies, Madrid, Iowa.
48.	Raya Alice	12	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Adelia Morrison, St. Paul, Minn.
49.	Rapaka Devakaruna	12	IV-B	Bhimavaram		
50.	Manukonda Shantama	11	IV-B	Bhimavaram		Women's Miss. Society, Rochester, N. Y.
51.	Tuluri Kantama	11	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram		St. Mark's church, South Bethlehem, Pa.
52.	Nalli Dinama	10	IV-B	Dowlaishwaram		
53.	Bondeli Mamkiam	11	IV-B	Bhimavaram		St. Peter's, South Bethlehem, Pa.
54.	Booraga Mamkiam	12	IV-B	Bhimavaram		St. John's Zenana Mission Band, Pittsburg, Pa.

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
55.	Sarelli Satyavati	12	IV-B.	Dowlaishwaram		
56.	Pidakala Gnana Ratnam	10	IV-B.	Bhimavaram		Girls' Mission Band, Christ Church, Hazleton, Pa.
57.	Pidakala Grace	9	IV-B.	Bhimavaram	Messiah	Messiah Society, Chicago, Ill.
58.	Pidakala Sundari	11	IV-B.	Bhimavaram	Mission Workers	Mission Workers, Norristown, Pa.
59.	Kavvadapu Katie	9	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
60.	Notangi Ratnam	14	III.	Tallapudi		
61.	Kollabattulu Jane	13	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
62.	Gidla Manikiam	10	III.	Dowlaishwaram		First Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
63.	Palparti Gnanaratnam	12	III.	Bhimavaram	Baden	Lutheran church, Baden, Pa.
64.	Kali Mary	13	III.	Bhimavaram		
65.	Moora Kantama	12	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
66.	Edla Paranjatama	10	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
67.	Navaphaktulu Satyavati	9	III.	Korakonda		Grace S. S., Newark, N. J.
68.	Dandingi Martha	13	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
69.	Mogalapu Dipikama	13	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
70.	Nakka Dayavati	8	III.	Bhimavaram		
71.	Alamuru Shantama	10	III.	Bhimavaram		
72.	Teli Sundari	10	III.	Bhimavaram		
73.	Golikepalli Karunt	12	III.	Bhimavaram		
74.	Taluri Manikiam	12	III.	Bhimavaram		
75.	Taluri Ruth	11	III.	Bhimavaram		Bethel Y. P. S. C. E., Duluth, Minn.
76.	Addanki Susanna	9	III	Bhimavaram		
77.	Yelipe Karuna	10	III.	Bhimavaram		
78.	Addanki Karuna	10	III.	Bhimavaram		
79.	Inti Rosy	10	III.	Bhimavaram		
80.	Manukonda Mary	11	III.	Bhimavaram		
81.	Gopala Ratnam	8	III.	Dowlaishwaram		
82.	Karre Ratnam	9	III.	Samulkot		
83.	Kollabattulu Satyavati		II.	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Cornelius' Class, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
84.	Palli Eleanora		II.	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Cornelius' Class, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
85.	Ponukumatlu Shantama		II.	Bhimavaram		
86.	Podaparti Zipporch		II.	Bhimavaram		
87.	Pidakala Mary	12	II.	Bhimavaram		
88.	Dasary Mary	10	II.	Bhimavaram		
89.	Thota Sarah	10	II.	Bhimavaram		
90.	Konala Martha	8	II.	Samulkot		
91.	Gummadi Ratnam	8	II.	Dowlaishwaram		
92.	Pallangi Mary	8	II.	Dowlaishwaram		
93.	Gossala Karuna		I.	Korakonda		
94.	Torlapati Shantama		I.	Korakonda		
95.	Vidyanpu Satyavati	8	I.	Samulkot		
96.	Kollabattulu Manikiam	8	I.	Dowlaishwaram		
97.	Dylapalli Silomani	9	I.	Tallapudi		
98.	Mona Chinna Kantama	8	I.	Dowlaishwaram		
99.	Notangi Ketura	8	I.	Tallapudi		
100.	Peidy Krupavati	10	I.	Tallapudi		
101.	Tekumudi Shantama	9	I.	Tallapudi		
102.	Birugadda Grace	11	I.	Tallapudi		
103.	Arthalu Karuna	7	I.	Bhimavaram		
104.	Polumati Sundari	8	I.	Dowlaishwaram		
105.	Geddamu Ratnam	8	I.	Dowlaishwaram		
106.	Chedaladi Satyavati	10	I.	Tallapudi		
107.	Kandavelli Naomi	9	Inft.	Bhimavaram		
108.	Vemuluru Katama	10	Inft.	Tallapudi		
109.	Matti Mary	10	Inft.	Tallapudi		
110.	Pantakani Esther	10	III.	Bhimavaram		

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The Constitution, organization and meetings of the Board.
2. By-Laws for government of Board, and Revised Rules for the Administration in India.
3. The Mission Papers.
4. The Superintendency.
5. Importance of an office.
6. Correspondence with Dr. Schmidt.
7. The call of Dr. Harpster as Temporary Director.
8. The call of Revs. A. S. Fichthorn and F. W. Wackernagel as missionaries; and of Miss Hedwig Wahlberg and Miss Susan E. Monroe as Zenana Sisters.
9. The return to India of Rev. and Mrs. R. Arps.
10. Instructions given the missionaries for the reorganization of the work in India.
11. Organization of the Council, Conference and Executive Committee.
12. Distribution of the work on the field.
13. The Medical work and the Hospital.
14. The Boys' High School.
15. The Girls' High School.
16. The Scholarships.
17. The Peddapur School.
18. The Caste Girls' School.
19. The Return of Dr. Edman, and of Miss Strempfer.
20. Building operations.
21. More liberal allowances for the missionaries.
22. The attempts to break down the Rules and the Administration in India, in order to force the removal of a native pastor, Rev. J. William.
23. Decision concerning the claims of former missionaries, referred to the Board by last meeting of the General Council.
24. The inadequacy of present corps of missionaries, the call of Rev. E. H. Trafford, the expected return of Rev. H. E. Isaacson.
25. Lessons of the Table of Statistics.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented a supplementary report, bearing on the work of the Board. Both reports were received, and the items of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, calling for action, were considered and approved. The Revs. R. Bielinski and H. E. Isaacson were accorded the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the report. That portion of the report, bearing on its constitution, organization and meetings, was approved; as also the By-Laws and Revised Rules. In connection with the aproval of the latter item, the Board was authorized to

make such changes, from time to time, as may be needed in its administration, said changes to be reported to the General Council and ratified by the same.

The item, referring to the Missionary Papers, was approved, and a vote of thanks was passed for the gratuitous services of the editors of the "Missionsbote" and "The Foreign Missionary." The thanks of the Council were also tendered to the Rev. R. Bielinski for the Mission Tracts prepared by him. These tracts are commended to all the members of the General Council. The thanks of the Council were also tendered to the Rev. P. A. Laury for the presentation to the Board of the premiums accruing from his "History of Missions." In connection with the item referring to the correspondence and dealings of the Board with the Rev. Dr. H. C. Schmidt, it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the action of the Board in their dealings with Dr. Schmidt be approved.

On motion of E. Aug. Miller, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Board be given full power and authority to make any compromise agreements with the Rev. Dr. Schmidt as they may think proper to adjust the matter between them, and the Trustees of the General Council are hereby authorized to execute any papers that may be necessary to consummate such agreements.

Item 7, referring to the call of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Harpster, as temporary director, was approved. In this connection, on motion of the Rev. Dr. E. T. Horn, it was

Resolved, That this General Council endorses the arrangement of the Board of Foreign Missions whereby the Rev. Dr. J. H. Harpster was secured as temporary director from the Board of the General Synod, and that it hereby expresses its hearty approbation of the action of the General Synod's Board in giving us his services for a period of at least three years.

The action of the Board embraced in items 8 to 25 was approved. In connection with the 24th item, referring to the call of the Rev. E. H. Trafford and the expected return to the mission of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we commend to the attention of our churches the urgent need of more laborers for our foreign mission field and most of all of ordained missionaries, and we ask all our synods and their district conferences to consider the means of supplying this need and furnishing our mission with men of the gifts and attainments requisite for this great work.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, the appendices following the Report of the Board were approved and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of the Council.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, a special committee was appointed to whom was referred the Supplementary Report of the Board, together with the papers and resolutions connected with it, which committee was requested to report at a subsequent session of this convention.

The Report of the Board was adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. H. A. Weller, it was

Resolved, That the pastors and congregations of the General Council be requested to send all their contributions to the Treasurer of the Board through the treasurers of their respective synods, and that they shall receive credit by the Treasurer of the Board for their contributions.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, it was

Resolved, That a note be added to the Treasurer's report specifying the amounts received from the treasurers of the District Synods and the amounts contributed by individual contributors.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Fry, it was

Resolved, That this General Council recognizes the eminent wisdom, arduous labors and unswerving fidelity manifested by the Board of Foreign Missions in the re-organization and management of our Foreign Missionary operations during the past two years; and we hereby express our special thanks to its members, with the assurance of our confidence and our grateful appreciation of their services.

Following is the

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board of Foreign Missions has instructed its Chairman to present a supplementary statement. The subject is not incorporated in the regular report, since that is a summary of what has been done on the field, and by the Board in this country; and the item herewith presented has a much wider bearing than that merely of our Foreign Mission operations. It involves the administration of every Board of this General Council, the successful execution of all synodical plans for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, the peace of our congregations, and the mutual love and confidence, in which all pastors should live and labor, and which they should diffuse among their members.

The editing, publishing and circulation of church papers have as their avowed motive the promotion of the spiritual life of the members of our congregations, and the awakening and maintaining of their interest in all our church enterprises. It is to this end that the General Council, the New York Ministerium, the Augustana Synod, and several of the Boards of this Body, has each its officially edited organ. The call to conduct and edit such papers is comprehended in the call to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments, the Church press being a most important means through which the Word of God is proclaimed, testimony to the faith given, and the provisions for the administration of the sacraments extended.

Even where such enterprises are undertaken without the official call of a Church Body, but in response to what is regarded an important need of the Church, both paper and editor are no less responsible to the general oversight of the Church. The paper reaching thousands where the spoken word only reaches hundreds; the print being permanent, while the spoken word is transient; the page carrying its testimony far and wide to those outside our communion and in foreign lands, while the voice reaches those only who may enter our churches, the responsibility of a synod and General Body for the published declarations of editors among its ministers is greater than for the sermons of pastors or for their acts within their parishes. In our relations with other Church organizations, whether called Lutheran or otherwise, we insist on this principle; and, while we do not condemn entire churches for occasional mistakes of pastors and teachers, nevertheless, when misrepresentations of our faith, or false statements and perversions of facts are so persistently made in print as to become almost habitual, we hold the Church Body responsible if it fail to exercise its office of oversight with reference to such offences. But if we be thus strict in our demands of others, we are compelled also to judge ourselves.

For many years, as is well known to the members of this convention, there has been a certain antagonism to the administration of a number of the interests represented in this Body and in its synods, and a very free criticism, in a weekly church paper, as well as through other published utterances, not only of policies and methods, but also of persons to whom this General Council has, from time to time, committed the official execution of its resolutions. To such an extent had this antagonism advanced, fifteen years ago, that the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at that time (the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel) brought it to the attention of his synod, in the following words:

"No one has a higher appreciation of the American rights of free speech and a free press, than I have, and I have no disposition to say a word against the enjoyment of the same rights in the Church. In our own Church we must ever contend for perfect freedom of speech and for the freedom of the religious press. But while we concede and insist upon this, it appears to me that there are certain limits, beyond which Christian men ought not to go, and shall not be permitted to go. It seems to me

that a synod ought not to keep silent when papers published by its own members do what they can to shake the confidence of the people in the institutions of the synod, and to bring reproach upon men to whom the synod owes honor and gratitude."

By an overwhelming vote, the synod took action in harmony with the recommendation of its President.

At the last meeting of the General Council (see English Minutes, Lima Convention, 1901, p. 134), the German Home Mission Board, through its Chairman, the Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldehnke, presented a most earnest complaint against the persistent attacks of the "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt" upon the work of that Board. This paper is published in the German language in Reading and Philadelphia, is edited by the Rev. F. Wischan, a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and bears the name of the General Council in its title. Its full name being "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt herausgegeben von einer Anzahl Pastoren des General Konzils," conveys the impression that it is a recognized and authorized representative of this body.

Since the last meeting of the General Council and during the term of service of the Board that has just completed its work, frequent inquiries, for explanations, from some readers of the "Kirchenblatt" indicated to the members of the Board that they were not exempt from the treatment, on the part of this paper, from which others had suffered. Previous experience led the members of the Board to think that no corrections in the columns of that paper, or retractions on the part of the editor, were to be expected. Neither have the members of your Board the time to enter into an extended explanation of every procedure, which an unfriendly critic may make, who, before writing, never inquires from those having direct and official information on the subject, as to whether his impression of matters treated be correct. The Board was content to let its silence be the answer to criticisms that were so unjust. The reception, however, from German pastors of several copies of the paper, with the statement that considerable damage was being done in German circles by the issues forwarded, and appealing for an answer, and the reference of offensive articles to the General Council, have constrained us to this disagreeable presentation.

There was sent us, first, before the meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, an issue of said paper of May 9th. The President of the Board was instructed to call the attention of the synod, to which the editor of the said "Kirchenblatt" belonged, to a number of glaring misrepresentations in said number. When this was done, the Ministerium, with little delay, resolved:

"That we deeply deplore and condemn the unjust criticism and comments, made by a German paper, called "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt," edited by a member of this Ministerium, and hereby express our disapproval of the course pursued by the editor of said paper in this matter."

After the passage of this resolution, the President of the Board had two private interviews with the editor of the "Kirchenblatt," and would have been content to have rested the case there, if subsequent issues had not been sent to the Board, containing material even more censurable.

Complaint is not made of the criticism of the mission, as such, but of the spirit, in which this is done, of the distortion of facts when facts are given, and of sundry entire misrepresentations. For many years the editor of the "Kirchenblatt" was a member of the Committee, before it was constituted the Board of Foreign Missions, and, for a considerable portion of the time, its German Secretary, thus, through the official position given him by this Council, having unusual facilities for learning the history of the Mission, and accumulating material which is now used, to the fullest extent, to embarrass the work. The sophistry of the editor lies in his misapplication and misinterpretation of facts, and in his unjustifiable conclusions from premises that often have a foundation of truth.

In the issues of August 8th and 22nd, we find a most flagrant violation of Church order, made in defiance of the personal warning, given in the most fraternal manner, to the editor, by the President of the Board, that statements in communications, which said editor had received from certain persons in India, unknown to him, and which he declared it to be his purpose to print, had not been overlooked by the authority constituted by this General Council, but had been duly investigated by all our ordained missionaries on the field, and that the Board had their official verdict; and that thus, in publishing said charges, he would be publishing what our missionaries, after careful investigation, pronounced to be untrue. These charges, moreover, were against one who is not only a native pastor under the supervision of the Board, but a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, having the same standing in the Ministerium and the same right to protection, under the Constitution of that Synod, as the editor of the "Kirchenblatt." If the Board be not upheld, in its decision, in accordance with the Rules, that all complaints must be settled in India and, if every native who has a grievance which the missionary body do not dispose of to his satisfaction can appeal to the Board, and, then, from the Board, can have unrestricted use of a church paper, published under the name of the General Council, it will be difficult to secure members for future Boards, and still more difficult to find missionaries whose word and judgment are pronounced as of little value, when weighed against the testimony of some unknown Hindu. The burden laid upon the members of your Board is sufficiently heavy. They can do only a small part of that which they know to be most important and urgent. If, in addition to this, all the scandal and gossip of a community, twelve thousand miles away, must be sifted and the testimony of our missionaries discredited for that of drunkards and forgerers and village loungers, a condition arises in which the ability of any corps of missionaries to carry out your instructions may well be doubted. The less reputable element in the missionary community, dissatisfied agitators, discharged teachers or other disaffected educated employees, vindictive spirits having imaginary wrongs against a missionary, or, because of some family feud pervading some Telugu district, bent on the humiliation of a native Christian to whom undue honor is believed to have been shown in the distribution of offices and appropriations, can always be found ready to supply any opposition paper in America with all the copy it desires to sustain an attack. Our mission ad-

ministration on the field is helpless, because there is no scrutiny of the signatures to decide the standing of those professing to make complaints, nor verification of the hand-writing to determine whether the signatures be genuine. As our foreign mission field cannot be expected to be exempt from the same sad contingencies that have marked the history of the Christian Church in all lands and ages, any self-seeking missionary, male or female, in a minority in the Council, or over-ruled in his or her plans by the Executive Committee, and having talent for intrigue, could keep the entire Church in a turmoil, by employing or instigating native writers to diffuse through the press in America whatever might be deemed necessary to break down the authority of the Mission.

We, therefore, respectfully hand over to this General Council the copies of said "Kirchenblatt" that have been sent us, with the recommendation that they be referred to a special committee to report at this convention.

For the Board,

HENRY E. JACOBS, *Chairman.*

This statement was presented in connection with the presentation of the Board of Foreign Missions. The President appointed the following committee to consider this statement and recommend action on the same: The Revs. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., Prof. S. A. Repass, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., G. W. Mechling, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., Hon. H. Martin and J. Boyd Duff, Esq. In the seventh session, the Rev. G. W. Mechling, D.D., secretary of the committee, presented the committee's report, and in this and the eighth session the report was considered, amended and adopted. The first item of the committee's recommendations was adopted; the second amended and adopted; the third item, on motion of G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., was inserted in the report; the fourth item was adopted; and on motion of the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas a fifth item was added. The report of the committee as finally adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee, to which was referred a statement supplementary to the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, concerning certain adverse criticisms of the work of said Board, having carefully read all the papers placed in its hands, recommends the following action:

Resolved, 1. That the spirit and form of certain criticisms pertaining to the work of the said Board and published in a newspaper entitled "Lutherisches Kirchenblatt, published by a number of pastors of the General Council," merits, and we hereby express, our unqualified disapproval.

2. As the name and title of said paper seems to imply that this body might be responsible for or that it endorses its editorial utterances, which is in no respect the case, we regard its course, under all the circumstances, as reprehensible in the highest degree and calculated to hinder, instead of promoting, the advancement of the work of this Council.

3. That this Council further expressly disclaims all connection with and responsibility for this publication, and herewith calls upon the publishers thereof to omit from their title the words "General Council."

4. That this General Council has a right to expect of all papers published by its members for circulation among its synods and congregations, that they be conducted in harmony with the interests of our common work, and in co-operation with its agencies and in compliance with the regulations of this body.

5. That, in view of the personal attacks upon missionaries of the Council by the editor of the "Kirchenblatt," we ask the Ministerium of Pennsylvania if it be not advisable to institute disciplinary action against the editor of said publication. Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Lindberg, F. A. Kaehler,
S. A. Repass, G. W. Mechling,
M. C. Ranseen, H. Martin,
J. Boyd Duff.

The report was adopted as a whole; and, on motion of E. Aug. Miller, Esq., the Supplementary Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions was ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

The regular order of business was changed to allow the Rev. E. J. C. Kraeling, chairman, to present the following

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

Having been elected chairman of the German Home Mission Board for the second time, it is my pleasant duty at this session of the General Council to report of the work of this board during the past two years. This honorable body of representative men of the Lutheran Church of America knows from previous reports and observation that the work entrusted to our Board is a work similar to that which is carried on by the Gustav Adolph Verein in the Fatherland—"A Diaspora work." Not to multiply the number of churches and congregations in cities, large and small and growing, where the Lutheran banner has been hoisted already, not to follow in the wake of other Lutheran Synods and break into their sheepfold, not to proselyte by awakening the impression as though the General Council were the only Lutheran Church, but to call

into life and existence Lutheran churches, where they do not exist, to give our brethren in the faith an opportunity to worship unitedly in their own faith and language—to do pioneer work—is our aim and mission.

Our Field.

At present we have working agencies in six different parts of this Western Hemisphere—in the Northwestern Territories of Canada, in North Dakota, in Kentucky, in Oregon, Washington and California.

A. The Northwestern Territories, also North Dakota and Kentucky. We have Missionaries stationed in Manitoba, Assiniboia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, also one in North Dakota and one in Kentucky, all of them with the exception of the one in Kentucky being members of the Manitoba Synod, which at its last session held in the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 22 to July 25, 1903, elected the Rev. Victor Henning, the newly called pastor of said church, as President of the Synod. The Rev. F. Beer had previously resigned the Presidency of the Synod as well as the pastorate of that church, in order to accept a call to a professorship which was offered him by the Michigan Synod in its Seminary. As he had to enter upon his new field and duties before his term of office in the Manitoba Synod had expired, the Rev. W. Willing, of Neudorf, Secretary of the Synod, conducted the affairs of Synod in the interim according to the Synod's provision, laid down in its constitution. In order that the "status quo" of this field, the number of churches, etc., can readily be seen, I call your attention to the following tables:

	Synod of Manitoba.		Souls.	Communicants.
1.	Rev. V. Henning.....	Winnipeg	1000	800
		Whitemonth	150	60
		Green Bay	120	40
		Brokenhead	200	80
		Springfield	80	20
		Niverinthe	80	20
		Friedensfeld	250	100
2.	Rev. W. Willing.....	Neudorf	700	350
		Pheas. Forks	165	80

			Souls.	Communicants.
		Wolseley	96	40
		Greenfell	35	11
		Killaly	75	28
		Saltow	15	9
		Edenland	62	38
3.	Rev. J. Goos	Spruce Grove	100	27
		Rosenthal	50	17
4.	Rev. H. Walbaum	Rosthern	172	80
		Stony Hill	53	36
		Wingard	18	9
5.	Rev. F. Pempeit	Vernon, B. C.	85	41
6.	Rev. O. Mordhorst	Langenburg	164	108
		Beresina	13	5
		Friedfeld	89	43
7.	Rev. G. Runge	(near) Wetaskewin	293	146
		Red Deer Lake	176	70
		Duhamel	44	25
		Pipestone	35	26
		Wetaskewin	18	14
8.	Rev. G. Poensgen	Strathcona	106	71
		Edmonton	54	15
9.	Rev. I. Hensen	Lutherhort	400	178
		Heimthal	89	47
		Gnadenthal	60	15
		Leduc	80	20
10.	Rev. F. Roehle	Edenwald	260	135
		Kronen	110	43
		Davin	65	32
		Strassburg	75	30
		Longlaketon	50	25
		Indian Head	20	13
		Bulgen	20	10
		Loon Creek	18	8
11.	Rev. Joh. Burgdorf	Gretna	400	180
		Rosenfeld	200	90
		Neu Deutschland	100	50
12.	Rev. A. Lilge	Bruederheim	51	25
		Beaver Hill	40	15

			Souls	Communicants.
13.	Rev. H. Becker.....	Friedensthal	300	150
		Overstone	75	50
		Rosenau	50	30
14.	Rev. Theo. Hempel.....	Dresden, N. D.	250	150
15.	Rev. B. Mueller.....	Plumas, Man.	330	220
16.	Rev. C. J. Mehrtens.....	Ottenheim, Ky.	220	182

These tables show the progress of our work. If we compare them with those of former years, it will be seen that a great deal has been accomplished. We have gained, not lost. We have gone forward, not backward. We have grown inwardly and outwardly. Trinity congregation of Winnipeg, for instance, which for years was supported by our Board to the amount of $500 annually at first, $300 later on, has under its present pastor, the Rev. V. Henning, become entirely self supporting. Then we have taken up work at Strathcona and Edmonton, which at present is carried on by the Rev. G. Poensgen, a graduate of our Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa. We are about to divide what was known heretofore as the "Winnipeg Parish," and call a missionary to take charge of all those congregations, which up to this time have been under the care of the Rev. V. Henning. So the "Neudorf Parish," which is entirely too large, is to be divided as soon as we find a man who is willing to carry on the work in and around Pheasant Forks. Besides this we need a traveling missionary, whose duty it will be to bring the Word of God to those Lutheran families who are scattered through Assiniboia—a few here and a few there—but at no place in sufficiently large numbers to warrant at present the establishment of churches aside of those that we have there. This is a very promising field for the future. We have sent a missionary to Dresden, North Dakota, as we were convinced that, should our work prosper there, it needed the whole and sole attention of a man who had no other cares and duties resting upon him.

For full information as to the extent of our work, the number of missionaries, congregations, preaching places, communicants, etc., I refer to the tables above.

Oregon, Washington and California.

In the last report of our Board to this honorable body of representatives, attention was called to the fact that the Lord had opened a door to us in Oregon and adjacent States. At no time have we had cause to regret that we accepted this gift from the Michigan Synod. The same missionaries who were there then are there now and serve their congregations and preaching places faithfully and with great zeal and self-denial. With only two exceptions, no changes have taken place. The Rev. E. Meyer accepted a call to San Jose, Cal., the Rev. G. Yung becoming his successor in Oregon City, Ore. The Rev. A. Schoenberg resigned at Macksburg, having received a call from a congregation belonging to the Iowa Synod. This also necessitated his leaving the Pacific Synod to join the Iowa Synod. The congregation at Camas, Clark county, Washington, which was vacant for almost two years, has called the Rev. C. F. Boehner, formerly President of the Michigan Synod, who has already entered his new field.

The reports of our missionaries show conclusively that our Lutheran Church has a great future along the Pacific Coast. The time will not be far distant when there will be large churches and congregations where at present they are yet small. I say to all, let us take care of our German Lutheran emigrants who settle along the Pacific Coast, in Oregon and California, and preach the Word of God to them in the German language. If we fail to do this there will be little prospect for successful English Lutheran mission work in the future. A statistical report is hereunto affixed so that the status quo of this part of our work can easily be seen:

1. Prof. B. Merz: Macksburg, Ore.; New Era, Ore.; Needy, Ore.; Lentz, Ore.; Cleveland, Ore.; Roseburg, Ore.; Pleasant Hill, Ore.

2. Rev. E. Meyer: San Jose, Cal.

3. Rev. E. F. Boehner: Camas, Wash.

4. Rev. F. Sack: Medford, Ore.; Grants Pass, Ore.; Lake Creek, Ore.

5. Rev. Geo. Yung: Oregon City, Ore.

6. Rev. Wm. Roehmer: Nehalem, Ore.

Siloah.

The little finger may count for very little alongside of his bigger brothers; but who will say that the little finger is superfluous and has no mission to perform. Small in comparison with other church papers, modest in dress and general appearance, this little paper fills its place nevertheless, and though there is room for improvement, we are convinced that it is a great help to us, entering as it does on its monthly journey more than 4,000 homes, bringing greetings from the cold North, the warm South, the youthful distant West, and the older, steadier nearby East. If I wish for it a still larger circulation and ask you to allow it to enter your own home, as well as the homes of your people, should they belong to our German-speaking community, I do so because I am inclined to think that "Siloah's waters can still be helpful if God chooses them and uses them for His purposes.

Financial Standing.

From the report of our Treasurer, Mr. Martin Wulff, of New York City, N. Y., who deserves much credit for his untiring efforts in behalf of our work, it will be seen that we have not only met all of our many obligations in the past, but have a goodly sum to our credit.

Our friends in Pennsylvania, New York, Pittsburg, Canada, and many other states and cities, have come to our assistance very nobly, and we hope they will not forget us in the future. If they do not need us, we need them. We take this opportunity to thank them for what they have done. They have a right to know what we have received and what we have paid out, and a right to assure themselves that their offerings have been properly used for the furtherance of the work for which they were contributed. Therefore we give here the Treasurer's report.

Conclusion.

And now I shall ask the prayers of you all for our work, whether you carry on English Missions or German Missions or Swedish Missions, for who will deny that the lines of our respective work touch each other, but I ask financial support mainly of my German brethren of the General Council, irrespective of Synod. Here are our brethren in the flesh—German Lutheran Christians—bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh. Are they entitled to

hear the Gospel? Then let us bring them the Gospel.

Above all, however, I pray to the Lord that He may give us wisdom and courage and His Holy Spirit, that we may carry on this noble work to the glory of His Holy Name.

Ministers.—Rev. A. Fischer, Rev. C. G. Fischer, Rev. F. Holter, Recording Secretary; Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch, Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, Rev. J. J. Kündig, D.D., Rev. W. Ludwig, vice-President; Rev. E. Neudörffer, Rev. D. W. Peterson, Cor. Sec., Agent of Siloah.

Lay Delegates.—W. Brown, Esq., L. W. Kaufmann, Esq., Fr. Kracke, Esq., G. Speckel, Esq., J. Sutter, Esq., M. Wulff, Esq., Treas., Wm. Gitterman, Diakon.

In the name of the Board, respectfully submitted,

E. C. J. KRAELING, *President.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions.

From October 1st, 1901, to September 30th, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, September 30th, 1901		$ 51 03
Contributions	$7,612 80	
Through the President of the Pennsylvania Ministerium from a special fund	200 00	
		7,812 80
Total		$7,863 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Missionaries' salaries in Canada	$3,945 25	
Missionaries' salaries in Oregon	1,241 50	
Missionaries' salaries in Kentucky	200 00	
Missionaries' traveling expenses	162 50	
Forwarded for special purposes	32 50	
Printing and envelopes for collections	25 95	
Collecting charges for checks	8 75	
Postage stamps	22 16	
		$5,638 61
Balance in Bank September 30th, 1903		2,225 22
Total		$7,863 83

SILOAH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, October 1st, 1901	$ 146 62
For subscriptions	941 40
	$1,088 02

EXPENDITURES.

Printing and mailing twenty-four numbers	$ 924 50
Cuts	6 25
Mailing list, material and composition	48 00

Notices	$ 1 50	
		$ 980 25
Balance, September 30th, 1903		107 77
		$1,088 02

MARTIN WULFF, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Board of the General Council, Mr. Martin Wulff, and have found the same correct.

C. G. FISCHER,
FRIEDRICH KRACKE.

New York, October 5, 1903.

The report was received, considered and adopted. On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. C. F. Haas, it was

Resolved, That this General Council express its gratification at the progress of the work of the Board of German Home Missions, and that the work of the Board, together with its organ, "Siloah," be commended to the congregations of our Synods.

The Rev. John Fox, D.D., the representative of the American Bible Society, received permission to present the cause of the Society to the Council.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., of the Pittsburgh Synod.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 10, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Philip Andreen, of the Augustana Synod.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz presided during part of the session. The minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

To the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America:

This Board was authorized by the action of the General Council at its convention in Lima, Ohio, October, 1901. Five ministers and four laymen were elected to serve as members of the Board. They were the following: Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., Rev. J. L.

Smith, D.D., Rev. Philip Andreen, Rev. B. F. Hankey, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., Mr. Thomas H. Lane, Mr. W. Warren Wattles, Mr. B. Frank Weyman, J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

The first meeting of the Board was held in the vestry of the First English Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 28, 1901, when the following organization was effected: President, D. H. Geissinger, D.D.; Secretary, J. L. Smith, D.D.; Treasurer, Thomas H. Lane.

Mr. B. Frank Weyman having signified that he was in sympathy with the object of the mission and would give it his support, yet found it inconvenient to serve as an active member of the Board, Mr. William Steinmeyer, of Pittsburgh, was elected to fill the vacancy. At a subsequent meeting Rev. Philip Andreen, by the official action of the Board, was requested to act as Swedish Corresponding Secretary, a position which he has filled with noteworthy faithfulness and efficiency.

The Board has held twelve business sessions and one informal meeting. It has tried to address itself to the important work committed to its administration with as much vigor as possible under the circumstances, every member of the Board being a busy man with an abundance of other duties continually pressing for immediate attention.

Upon inquiring into the status of the Porto Rico work we found that we had one ordained missionary in the field, the Rev. Herbert F. Richards, with his capable wife; one woman helper, Miss Annette Wahlstedt. In the treasury of the Foreign Board there was a balance of $169 to the credit of the General Fund of the Porto Rico Mission, and $1021.75 to the credit of the Building Fund.

There was a leased house in San Juan occupied as the mission station in that city, and a small leased house in Catano.

It did not require very acute powers of observation to perceive that our immediate needs, at least from a material point of view, were, (1) Funds, (2) Missionaries, (3) Churches.

Our first endeavor was to stimulate the inflow of revenue. In this we have succeeded sufficiently to pay all expenses up to date, but not sufficiently to warrant the assuming of any considerable additional outlay. The Presidents of the District Synods of the Council were memorialized and requested to present the cause of the Porto Rico Mission to their conventions, and to urge that at

least a single offering from each congregation should be devoted to this work during the year. So far as we know the request to the Presidents was complied with, and the matter presented at the several meetings of the synods, but from most of them there was not a very overwhelming response. A circular appeal was addressed to every pastor in the General Council, asking for a contribution even if it should be very small, but the result was, also, disappointing. As the Treasurer's report will show, contributions have come to us from many sources, and very liberally from a few sources, but as yet, the whole body of the Council has not "Come over to Macedonia to help us."

Up to the present moment we have not succeeded in securing a single additional permanent missionary or helper. We have been in correspondence and consultation with several of our brethren, who at first seemed to be willing to entertain a call, but who, after more or less protracted consideration, could not see their way clear to undertake the service. The Board will, of course, keep on seeking, and we hope to find within the next year a suitable man to enter the new field referred to in the subjoined report of our present missionary. It would almost seem as if the old apostolic missionary spirit had, to a large degree, departed from the present-day servants of the Lord. When the Master calls for volunteers they do not answer with very startling alacrity, "Here am I, send me." They respond, practically, "Here am I, but I would rather you would send some one else."

In order to afford Missionary Richards and his wife an opportunity for an absolutely necessary rest, the Board granted them a two-months' vacation during the summer of 1902. We were fortunate in being able to secure the services of student G. S. Swensson, who spent his summer vacation in Porto Rico and took charge of the work in the absence of the regular missionary. We believe Mr. Swensson was among the first to begin Protestant mission work on the island after it passed under the control of the United States Government. He was somewhat acquainted with the field, and was, therefore, better qualified than any one whom we knew to take temporary charge.

Soon after the organization of the Board a lot with a small house thereon was purchased in Catano for $300, and steps were taken toward the erection of a church. Plans and specifications for a small church were furnished by Architect Frank, of St. Mark's parish, Philadelphia. The Board found it ex-

tremely difficult to find a builder and to make a satisfactory contract. Finally, in October, 1902, the Board engaged the services of Rev. C. H. Hemsath, of Washington, Pa., to go to San Juan and personally supervise the erection of the church. We gave Brother Hemsath large discretion in the premises, as we had great confidence, not only in the vigor and orthodoxy of his preaching, but also in his judgment as a business man and in his skill as a practical mechanic. And we were not the victims of any misplaced confidence, as the event fully proved.

Our Superintendent of Construction seemed to revel in the delights of tropical difficulties. The more trials and tribulations that fell into his experience the more cheerful and entertaining were the letters he wrote back to the Secretary and President of the Board. The church building was completed in about four months, but the furniture was delayed long enough to let "patience have her perfect work" in all who were directly interested. This, however, was unavoidable. All the furniture, or nearly all, was donated. The donors were widely separated. It necessarily consumed much time to have the different articles looked after, made, packed and shipped. But all finally reached their destination, and the successful and joyous feast of dedication began on the 16th of August and lasted a whole week. The entire cost of the church, including the lot and the expenses connected with sending Rev. Hemsath, was $3,111.63. It was dedicated without debt.

But that is the extent of the provision we have thus far been able to make for our third need. In San Juan we still occupy a leased building that is only fairly adapted to the work. All will recognize the urgent importance of our getting a church building, a suitable local habitation as well as a name in the capital city.

To the many friends who have encouraged us with substantial contributions and special assistance in furnishing the new church the Board begs to make grateful acknowledgment; especially to the Rev. F. Wischan, of Philadelphia, who personally interested himself in having a translation of Luther's Small Catechism into the Spanish language made in Madrid, and at his own expense procured an edition of one thousand copies for the use of the Porto Rico work.*

*From the most reliable information obtainable this edition for Rev. Wischan was simply a reprint of Luther's Small Catechism which had been translated into Spanish and issued in a serial form several years before, and which has the Reformed division of the Commandments.

As your servants we are cheerfully willing to do all we can to enlarge the scope, and to prosecute aggressively the work you have been pleased to give into our hands. Tell your people to send us plenty of money, and we will engage our best attention to put it where it will do the most good.

Our one ordained missionary, Rev. Herbert F. Richards, has labored very faithfully now for four years. He has fully encountered the proverbial difficulties connected with all beginnings. His health, at times, has not been very robust. But he has persisted in keeping on the line of activity, and we are glad that he has been permitted to see some excellent fruits of his arduous application.

Mrs. Richards, being familiar with the Spanish language and having had previous experience in missionary work among Spanish-speaking people, has been of invaluable assistance to her husband.

Miss Annette Wahlstedt continues to be most assiduous and untiring in her work as teacher, visitor and general helper.

Let us unite our prayers continually for these our devoted laborers and representatives in the field, that God may be pleased to continue their lives in health and strength and in ardent missionary zeal.

D. H. GEISSINGER, *President.*

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 3, 1903.

Summary of Treasurer's Report.

Received on account of General Fund	$5,663 35
Received on account of Building Fund	2,269 51
Total	7,932 86
Expended, General Expenses	3,813 57
Expended, Property and Building	3,111 63
Balance in Treasury	1,007 66

THOMAS H. LANE, *Treasurer.*

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 3, 1903.

Abstract of the Report of the Rev. H. F. Richards, Missionary in Porto Rico, for the Biennium, September, 1901-3.

The work is carried on in English and Spanish. The Spanish is the older, and thus far has been the more important. The present church membership is 51. This is a gain of 21 in two years. Twenty-nine new members were received, but there were losses caused by removals. As a rule the English and American residents do not remain here long. Only those who have bought

property and live on their estates in the country may be regarded as permanent citizens. Very few Americans have, as yet, bought property in San Juan or have come with the intention of remaining permanently. The great majority stay only as long as their health lasts, or as long as they can earn more money here than they can at home. This constant changing of the English-speaking population makes the English work difficult, and often very discouraging. No doubt to a great extent this condition will gradually disappear as the country develops under American rule.

The Sunday-school work has declined. During the past few months the teacher of the Spanish class has been unable to attend. Consequently most of the scholars have ceased to attend.

An effort is now being made to start an entirely English Sunday-school. A member of the church council has charge, and the sessions are held in the afternoon. The first session was held September 6th. It was very encouraging and gives hope of a flourishing school. There are plenty of children, but a lack of teachers.

Owing to the removal of some of the most active members and the inability of others to render profitable assistance, the Ladies' Society has been suspended for the last two years. It is intended to revive this society this Fall, and to make the meetings more devotional, literary and social, and to have them under the supervision of the pastor or Miss Wahlstedt.

Contributions for two years, from September 6, 1901, $227.43; expenditures, $225.90.

The Spanish Work.

This has required the most attention. The opportunity is greater and the work more flourishing. Owing to the greater proficiency of the missionaries in the language much better success has been attained than in the first two years. But they are still at a disadvantage in this respect, as they must compete with missionaries who have had many years' experience, and with some who are native born Spaniards, educated in the United States. There is still much to be done in the satisfactory mastery of the language, but the most difficult part is accomplished.

Method of Work.

We take as many names as we can of those who come to services; visit them; invite them back for instruction. Miss Wahl-

stedt devotes almost all her time to visiting new people and seeking out those who are living without religion. If her visit results favorably I then go with her, and we urge them to attend catechetical instruction. This instruction we aim to provide during the entire year, giving four months or more to each class. At the end of that time those who have attended faithfully and are satisfactorily prepared are confirmed. We have not yet attained the systematic order and regularity which our plans for catechization contemplate, but we are making earnest efforts in that direction.

San Juan.

The work in San Juan has been retarded in the past year. The missionary and his wife returned to the States for two months' vacation. The work during this time was attended to by Student G. S. Swensson, whom the Board sent to take charge during his summer vacation. The erection of the new church in Catano required extra time and work. The lease on the house in San Juan expired and new quarters had to be secured. Three removals were made before a satisfactory house and location were finally occupied. This house is on one of the principal streets. The rental is $45 per month. A number of the rooms are rented out, which reduces the rent expense very considerably. The Mission uses the upper floor. This changing from the old place to the new and the moving about incidental to it was very detrimental to the congregation and to the Sunday-school. Our Sunday-school attendance is from 40 to 50. About half what it should be. Our membership, however, has increased from 4 to 28, with five ready for confirmation.

The name of our church in San Juan is Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pablo. The General Council's constitution for congregations has been adopted, with slight modifications.

At the beginning of this year Miss Wahlstedt began a class in English and sewing. They met on Saturday afternoon. Luther's catechism was also taught. It proved a great success, but had to be discontinued for want of time. Within the last month the class has been revived, but Miss Wahlstedt has not sufficient time to push the work very effectively.

Catano.

The work in Catano has proceeded slowly. There was no public building which might have been secured as a place of wor-

ship. The only thing to be done was to rent a house, take out the partitions and fit it up for a church. This was done, only in a crude and temporary fashion, as we were expecting and hoping to have a church. Sunday-school work was the chief line of activity. During the winter months of 1901-2 the Sunday-school attendance reached 197. This was more than we could take care of. A house centrally located on a principal street was then bought. This aroused strong Catholic opposition. A priest was sent there. Women were sent about to frighten and urge the parents not to send their children to us. During the summer months the school declined very much. In the fall, the priest having died and the active opposition having subsided, the school revived. In November, 1902, Rev. Charles H. Hemsath arrived. He was sent by the Board to superintend the building of the new church. After a month spent in getting ready, the work on the church was begun. The building was completed in three months. But the furnishings were not all received until the first of August. The dedication took place on the 16th of August, 1903. The services in connection with the dedication lasted eight days, and were well attended. On three occasions the church was crowded, with many listeners at the doors and windows. The church is a very neat, churchly and beautiful edifice. It has made a good impression upon the community and reflects great credit upon our mission. While we were waiting for the church furniture catechetical instruction was given to a class of about fifteen. Since the dedication nine of these have been received into membership, the others being prevented by absence and other causes. As soon as these are received a congregation will be organized with at least fifteen members. The name of the Catano church is Iglesia Ev. Luterana del Divino Salvador.

Advantage was taken of the enthusiasm aroused by the dedication to begin at once a new catechetical class. This was done on Friday, September 4th, with an attendance of over forty. Conditions in Catano are now favorable for effective work. Prospects are most encouraging. Miss Wahlstedt has resumed her classes in English and sewing. This requires much time that she must take from visiting. Visiting is still very important. A great deal of mission work must be done in the houses, because many people are careless and indifferent, others timid, others without sufficient clothing to attend a public place. As soon as possible Miss Wahlstedt should have an assistant.

Our Needs.—I. More Helpers.

Our mission has reached a point where more helpers are urgently needed if we are to make the most of our opportunity. My weekly schedule of work is: Preaching at Catano every Sunday at 8 a. m.; Spanish Sunday-school at San Juan, 10 a. m.; Sunday-school at Catano, 2 p. m.; English preaching at San Juan, 7.30 p. m.; Spanish catechetical instruction, San Juan, Tuesday nights; preaching, Catano, Wednesday nights; preaching, San Juan, Thursday nights, and catechetical instruction, Catano, Friday nights. Eight services each week. And it should be remembered that an American cannot do the work in the tropics that he can at home.

Our total membership has increased in the last two years from 34 to 88, and there are eleven more who have applied for membership. This showing would have been much better if there had been more workers. [Here Missionary Richards presents the suggestion that natives may be found, who, under his instruction could be trained as catechists, and perhaps later on prepared by a special course in one of our home seminaries for ordination. He is acquainted with one or two at the present time with whom a beginning might be made in this way.]

II. Property in San Juan.

This is still one of our pressing needs. The public land question has not yet been disposed of. We shall have to wait for the action of the authorities. But just as soon as this land is put upon the market we ought to be ready to buy a lot. In the meantime we are in correspondence looking to the purchase of a house in case we do not secure land from the government. It is of the utmost importance that we have our own property, not only to save rent, but that we may have a really suitable place for worship, and to give dignity and permanence to our work.

III. Literature.

It was surprising to find what a poverty of Evangelical literature there is in the Spanish language. We had the greatest difficulty in securing even Luther's Small Catechism in Spanish. About a year ago Rev. F. Wischan, of Philadelphia, after writing to several friends in Germany finally had a translation of the Small Catechism made in Madrid and ordered for us, at his own expense, an edition of one thousand copies. These have been recently received and will be of great help to us. Our Mission

owes a debt of gratitude to Rev. Wischan, which can only be appreciated by a pastor who has to begin a mission without a church book, paper, or literature of any kind, and work among intelligent people who know nothing about his church, except what they have heard from hostile sources.

IV. A Charity Fund.

One of the saddest features of our work here is the distressing poverty of the people. There are so few industries, and such meagre opportunity for people to earn a livelihood. In San Juan, with thirty thousand inhabitants, there are no factories to speak of. In Catano, with three thousand people, there is absolutely nothing. Under such conditions there must needs be a great deal of poverty. If we could have a fund from which we could minister to the bodily necessities of the most extreme cases coming under our observation it would obviously help us greatly in our approaches to the people and in winning their gratitude and confidence.

V. A New Field.

While we have been laboring four years with one ordained missionary, other denominations have taken possession of the field to such an extent that there is only one of the principal towns in the island that is still unoccupied by any protestant body. This is Aibonito, on the military road at the summit of the mountain range that extends through the island. Here, in this elevated and healthy region, an interior mission parish could be established, with headquarters at Aibonito, and extending to the towns and villages round about. This would give us a fine field in the very heart of the island, where we could work among the good-natured and simple-minded inhabitants of the interior. The work would be much easier than what we have here.

Here, in time land could be secured; manual and industrial training given together with religious teaching, and the mission made to pay a good part of its own expenses. Work could be done similar to that of the Muhlenberg Mission in Africa, but far more advantageously; with less risk, with greater comfort, and we believe with better results.

This district has so far been left open. We still have the opportunity of establishing an almost ideal mission station here. It is obvious that this opportunity will not wait for us always. I

most earnestly hope that we may be enabled to enlarge our work by entering this district and establishing another station there with the least possible delay.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 8, 1903.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass it was

Resolved, That the General Council has heard with gratitude to God the encouraging report of the Board of the Porto Rico Mission, and does hereby most earnestly commend the urgent importance of this mission on synods and their congregations, asking of them liberal contributions for the more vigorous prosecution of the work.

The Rev. J. C. Kunzman, D.D., Superintendent, presented the following

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

The past biennium has been one of the most prosperous in our history. The number of our missions has increased. English Lutheranism has become a recognized power on the territory over which our operations have extended. A large number of missions have been established and self-sustaining congregations organized in the synods, which your Board has either materially strengthened or called into being by its missionary activity, and which, through the indirect fruits of our labors, are not enumerated in our report. In addition to this, the success which has attended our efforts has aroused other synods to engage earnestly in English Home Mission work in order to preserve within their ranks their rapidly anglicizing children. Could we tabulate the direct and indirect results of our Home Missionary operations from Boston on the Atlantic to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland on the Pacific coast, the members of our General Council would behold achievements which testify to the wisdom of the fathers in beginning and the fidelity of their children in carrying forward a work of such far-reaching effect.

We began the biennium with nineteen missions. The tabulated statement will show that we have added fifteen missions and mission Sunday-schools, one of which was self-sustaining from the beginning, and several others have been carried on by our Field Secretary and the self-denying labors of our missionaries without cost to your Board. The field of our operations has been enlarged to the extent of two States into which we have been called. The English-German Emmanuel's Church, San José, Cal., formerly a

member of the Oregon Synod, became an integral part of the Pacific Synod at its organization, and St. Paul's congregation of Detroit, Mich., entered the Chicago Synod and were taken upon our funds.

The churches have responded with increased liberality; no special appeals were needed; the salaries of our missionaries have been promptly paid every quarter, and recently every month. With the increasing demands upon our treasury, we have a surplus of $590.57. The surplus would have been larger had the Board not placed into the endowment fund $2,000 of the $2,100 given by a generous and unknown donor, a member of the First Church of Pittsburg, Pa. This gift, with $2,000 given by a member of the church of Marietta, Pa., constitutes our endowment fund, and will be loaned at a low rate of interest to our missions. The wisdom of the Board in thus preserving in a separate fund the large donations of private individuals, as an appreciation of their generosity, will not be questioned. May their number greatly multiply.

Soon after the last meeting of the General Council your Board authorized the Superintendent to arrange for Missionary Conferences in the leading centers of the Synods contributing to its work. A schedule of topics for discussion, setting forth the opportunity of our Church, its duty, the need of men and means, of a larger Church Extension fund, of better organization, etc., was prepared. After much correspondence and the inability of some places to co-operate, these conferences were held in La Crosse, Wis., Synod of the Northwest; Chicago, Chicago Synod; Miamisburg, Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio; Butler, Erie, Kittanning, Leechburg and Greensburg, Pittsburg Synod; Bethlehem, Lancaster, Lebanon and Philadelphia, Ministerium of Pennsylvania; and Buffalo and Utica, Ministerium of New York. The value of these conferences can be gathered from the resolutions of the conventions, as published in The Lutheran and as contained in the minutes of some of the District Synods.

A New Departure.

The office of Field Secretary or District Superintendent among us is new and is a departure from what was originally intended. At the session of the General Council held in Chicago in 1899, the Synod of the Northwest requested your honorable body to instruct our Home Mission Board to provide a Sunday-school Field Secretary for the purpose of organizing English Lutheran Sunday-schools on its territory. You referred the whole question

to our Board with power to act, and instructed us that if we act we should co-operate with the Mission Committee of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod. According to the Council's interpretation of its instructions at Lima, Ohio, in 1901, Rev. A. C. Anda, Home Mission Superintendent of the Chicago Synod, was called as Sunday-school Field Secretary in consultation with the Mission Committee named above. He began his labors September 1st, 1902. It was soon ascertained that the organization and maintenance of English Lutheran Sunday-schools with English Lutheran churches from 25 to 100 miles distant was easier in theory than in practice. The Secretary was accordingly instructed to use his best judgment, the Board concurring in the wisdom of the plan which he had submitted. The plan was to select the most promising fields for the organization of churches and of Sunday-schools only where they could be maintained by neighboring pastors and Sunday-school workers. We accordingly labored at Elgin, Ill., and in the space of ten months the congregation, self-sustaining, called its own pastor. An organization was also effected at Janesville, Wis., the mission supporting during the summer vacation a student of the Chicago Seminary.

Besides he has looked after a number of missions, aided our missionaries, presented the cause at conferences and Synods and attended to much of the Superintendent's work during the summer. The Chicago Synod, in commending the operations of your Board on its territory, adds: "The most significant advance in Western work during the year was the placing of a Feld Secretary upon the field, in the person of Rev. A. C. Anda, our former very efficient and energetic Mission Director." The Board appreciates this commendation, and is now seriously considering the question of placing such a District Superintendent in the Eastern field. Our new experience has shown us great possibilities as well as enlarged efficiency in the employment of men of experience and their distribution over our territory. They could avoid the mistakes, lay firmer the foundation, gather and cement together the gathered people, give valuable aid in the location, purchase of lots and in the erection of churches for our new missions, than men of less experience. And they could be kept going from place to place, establishing missions which like the one at Elgin could sustain its own pastor, or the one at Janesville, be carried on by the assistance of others for a period without extra cost to the Board.

The Present Status of our Missions. From their report of the past year ending Sept. 1st, 1903.

Location.	Name.	Pastor.	MEMBERSHIP.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		PROPERTY.			
			Baptized.	Communicant.	Sunday-school	Benevolent.	Local.	Church.	Parsonage.	Value.	Debt.
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark	E. L. Miller	210	137	88	$52 94	$1,033 04	"	"	$12,500 00	$9,563 62
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	335	198	180	176 04	1,417 00	"		13,500 00	7,500 00
Anderson, Ind.	St. John	W. J. Fink	225	97	104	57 54	522 00	"		8,500 00	2,000 00
Chicago, Ill.	St. John	J. R. E. Hunt	211	111	110	76 89	1,084 00	"		9,000 00	4,500 00
Chicago, Ill.	Church of Atonement	J. R. E. Hunt	110	24	96	.....	.....			.....	.....
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke	M. E. Haberland	90	65	240	34 52	628 09	"		6,300 00	2,376 00
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul	J. A. Miller	70	50	62	.....	725 24	"	"	4,800 00	3,400 00
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	250	90	166	52 85	432 97	lot		1,300 00	500 00
Racine, Wis.	Holy Communion	G. F. Gehr	530	212	385	127 20	3,405 52	Ch.		9,000 00	5,000 00
LaCrosse, Wis.	Holy Trinity		390	125	229	71 09	1,407 50	"	"	7,500 00	4,500 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Church of the Redeemer.	W. K. Frick, D.D.	610	356	200	166 01	1,883 59	"		15,000 00	12,000 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	W. K. Frick, D.D.	.....	.....	70	49 90	222 38			.....	.....
Cedarburg, Wis.			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			.....	.....
St. Paul, Minn.	Trinity	C. L. Warstler	285	102	182	75 25	736 29	"		3,500 00	1,450 00
St. Paul, Minn.	St. James	F. S. Beistel	180	95	124	31 79	793 55			5,000 00	3,000 00
St. Paul, Minn.	St. Stephen	Warstler and Beistel	.....	.....	53	.....	.....			.....	.....
North St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark		65	52	126	31 78	435 00			2,500 00	.....
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark	J. Kechley	65	42	126	31 78	450 00	"		4,500 00	3,000 00
Duluth, Minn.	St. John	D. W. Michael	450	160	225	107 52	1,413 26	"	"	9,000 00	8,000 00
West End, Minn.	Trinity	J. M. Tise	42	32	72	.....	.....			.....	.....
Fargo, N. D.	St. Mark	J. A. Zundel	261	97	174	59 58	494 51	"	"	4,700 00	.....
Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. Martens	34	27	24	18 74	278 74	"	"	10,000 00	9,000 00
Spanish Forks, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. Martens	78	53	22	.....	.....			.....	.....
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	120	61	58	107 50	1,297 38	"		7,000 00	4,500 00
Vancouver, Wash.		W. H. Holl	.....	35	65	.....	.....			.....	.....
Whatcom, Wash.	St. Mark	Th. Schoenberg	23	12	12	.....	.....			.....	.....
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John	C. F. W. Stoever	142	72	62	48 60	410 00	"		3,000 00	2,500 00
Portland, Ore.	St. James	J. A. Leas	193	114	83	98 36	1,314 00	"	"	25,111 00	21,400 00
Oregon City, Ore.	Zion	G. Yung	68	37	39	40 50	256 00	"	"	1,800 00	465 00
The Dalles, Ore.	Zion	W. Brenner	119	75	79	60 00	900 00	"	"	5,500 00	1,350 00
San Jose, Cal.	Emanuel	E. Meyer	67	41	65	25 60	1,117 00	"	"	3,100 00	775 00
Churches which have become self-supporting during the Biennium.											
Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem	G. H. Trabert, D.D.	363	194	248	180 85	1,472 25			7,600 00	.....
Decatur, Ill.	First English	H. Peters	219	102	117	121 80	1,381 00			20,000 00	.....
Organizations effected and cared for by the Field Secretary.											
Elgin, Ill.	.....	.....	160	95	80	.....	.....			.....	.....
Janesville, Wis.	St. Peter's	.....	37	24	33	.....	.....			.....	.....
Figures of 1903	.....	.....	6,002	2,987	4,019	$1,904 13	$26,104 27			$199,711 00	$106,779 62
Figures of 1901	.....	.....	4,381	2,336	2,840	849 35	10,274 15			173,750 00	95,750 00
Gain over 1901	.....	.....	1,621	651	1,179	$1,054 78	$15,810 12			$25,961 00	$11,029 62

It will thus be seen that the net gain of the property value of our missions is $14,931.38; the net gain in contributions for benevolence of the year 1903 over that of 1901 is $1,054.78, and for local expenses $15,810.12; the net gain in Sunday-school enrollment, 1,179; of communicant members, 651; and of baptized members, 1,621. We have the financial report of but 2,768 of 2,987 communicant members of our missions, and these show an average contribution for benevolence and general congregational expenses for the year 1903 of over $10 per communicant member.

Treasurer's Report, September, 1901, to August 31st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, September 1st, 1901	$ 84 88	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	17,904 10	
Pittsburg Synod	4,420 70	
District Synod of Ohio	1,063 49	
Ministerium of New York	408 73	
Synod of New York and New England	572 49	
Synod of the Northwest	542 98	
Chicago Synod	160 20	
Pacific Synod	42 24	
Individual gifts	891 96	
From a member of First Church, Pittsburg, Pa.	2,100 00	
Unclassified sources	15 05	
Church Extension Society, to Superintendent's salary	790 00	
Church Extension Society, bonds repaid	2,000 00	
Church Extension Society, interest on bond	160 00	
To Field Secretary, salary	214 19	
Special one dollar appeal	2,345 70	
Interest on deposits	77 85	
		$34,794 56

EXPENSES FROM SEPT. 1ST, 1901, TO 1903.

Missionaries' expenses and salaries	$23,488 87	
Superintendent's salary and expenses	3,116 80	
Paid to Field Secretary's salary	184 80	
Printing, stationery, clerk hire	703 87	
Payment of loans	2,650 67	
Interest on loans	37 50	
Traveling expenses of members of Board	78 00	
		$30,260 51
Balance		$ 4,534 05
Of this balance $4,000 constitutes the endowment fund.		
Received by Superintendent's special contribution to Field Secretary's salary and expenses		$ 1,434 84
Paid to Field Secretary salary and expenses		1,378 35
Balance		$56 49
Total receipts from all sources		$36,229 40
Total expenses		31,638 89
Balance		$4,590 51

This report, whilst encouraging and showing a small balance in the treasury and the addition of $2,000 to the endowment fund, demands careful attention on the part of the synods who are expected by the Council to specially provide the funds. We are grateful for what has been done, but the following statistical table from the treasurer's report should be earnestly considered and laid before our synods by their respective delegates. We feel convinced that such consideration would bear fruits.

	Amounts Apportioned	Amounts Paid	Deficit
Ministerium of Pennsylvania...	$25,000 00	$17,904 10	$7,095 90
Pittsburg Synod	11,250 00	4,420 70	6,829 30
District Synod of Ohio.....	5,000 00	1,063 49	3,936 51
Ministerium of New York.....		408 73	
Synod of N. Y. and N. E.....	5,000 00	572 48	4,018 79
Chicago Synod	2,500 00	160 20	2,339 80
Synod of the Northwest.....	1,000 00	542 98	457 02
Pacific Synod	250 00	42 24	207 76
	$50,000 00	$25,114 92	$24,885 08

By an examination of the published minutes it is apparent that only a few of the synods, as requested by the Council, apportion the amounts to their congregations. If this reasonable request were heeded, the deficit would grow less and the amounts at the disposal of your Board for the great work of Home Missions would grow larger.

The Home Missionary

has appeared quarterly. Owing to the fact that the printer has not always furnished the quality of paper agreed upon, a number of our friends have discontinued their subscriptions. The circulation at present is 6,000 copies. We ask our friends to renew their patronage, especially so as they have been pleased with the contents of the paper. We would have had it published under the auspices of our Publication Board had we been able to arrange for the keeping of the accounts. We have been doing the best we could under the circumstances, and if our friends will meet us in the same spirit we shall be gratified. The Board suggests to the Council the consolidation of the Home Missionary with the Foreign Missionary. The Home Missionary is issued at ten cents per single copy and five cents in clubs of twenty or more. Address

all communications with reference to subscriptions for the present to The Home Missionary, Greenville, Pa.

Far more could be accomplished in our Home Mission work if we had an adequate Church Extension Fund. As several of our synods during the biennium were engaged in the laudable effort of placing their colleges in better financial position, the Superintendent of the Board and agent of the Church Extension Society could not prosecute the gathering of the special $90,500 fund. At the request of the Citizens' College Committee of Greensburg, Pa., the Board gave him leave of absence to assist in securing the $100,000 to locate Thiel College in that Lutheran center. The Superintendent was however charged with the care of the missions and the report will show how those duties were fulfilled.

We have only fairly begun to set our outposts in the vast mission territory which in time must be covered with missions. Never in our history has the need of an increased missionary force so forced itself in upon us as at the present.

Never was there such an urgent demand for the Council to pray for more laborers. Our growing cities demand men, earnest, godly, believing men to preach and men to furnish the means for their sustenance and by the instrumentality of a vastly increased Church Extension Fund aid them in securing lots and erecting houses of worship into which to gather our scattered brethren of the household of faith and the Church's masses. The greatness of our opportunity is the measure of the greatness of our responsibility.

The Board at its spring meeting appointed a special committee to lay before the District Synods a plan for the unification of our English Home Mission work. This report was prepared and printed and sent to the various synods. The committee also met with the Mission Committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and their joint report is herewith submitted. As almost all our synods who have united in this work have approved of the principle and a number of them have instructed their delegates to meet with those interested, it is to be hoped that a working plan will be devised which will lift our missionary work on a higher plane and make it still more effective.

Plan for the Unification of the English Mission Work Within the General Council as Recommended by the Mission Board of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and by the English Mission Board of the General Council.

1. In the plan of unification the General Council's Board of English Home Missions shall exercise the following functions:

a. It shall have complete supervision of the Missions committed to its care.

b. It shall make an estimate of funds needed for its work and recommend the amounts to be apportioned to the synods.

c. It shall have the authority to appoint a General Superintendent, District Superintendents and Missionaries, whose spheres it shall define and whose operations it shall direct.

2. In addition to the General Councils' Board of English Home Missions—and auxiliary to it—there shall be a Mission Board in each District Synod. These shall act:

a. As the representatives of their respective synods before the General Council's Board.

b. As the representatives of the General Council's Board before their synods.

3. It shall be the duty of these Synodical Boards:

a. To lay before the General Council's Board, or its authorized agents, the mission needs of their synods.

b. To furnish the necessary data for the Board's intelligent action; so that by definite and detailed plans, new missions may be properly established and those already in existence may be successfully conducted.

c. To present to their respective synods a complete account of the General Council Board's report of their missions.

d. To recommend and urge upon their Synods such action as may be necessary to support the work of the General Council's Board, whether in the raising of apportionments or the spread of missionary intelligence.

The Board asks (1) that definite action be taken on the unification of our English Home Mission work. (2) That the Council consider the advisability of consolidating the Home and Foreign Missionary into one journal. (3) That the Council authorize the publication of 5,000 extra copies of the Home Mission Report.

(4) That the Council apportion the following sums among the District Synods, and ask them to apportion these sums among their congregations to be paid annually during the coming biennium:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$12,500
Pittsburg Synod	5,625
Ev. Luth. District Synod of Ohio	2,500
Ministerium of New York	1,500
Chicago Synod	1,250
New York and New England Synod	1,000
Synod of the Northwest	500
Pacific Synod	125
Nova Scotia Synod	100

The report was received and the recommendations of the Board were considered item by item.

The first item, asking for definite action on the plan for the unification of the English Mission work of the General Council, proposed by the Mission Board of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the English Mission Board of the Council, was taken up for consideration. After a general discussion of the entire plan, continuing through parts of three sessions, and after a number of resolutions had been offered, amended, lost or tabled, in the sixth session the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas offered the following resolution, which, after having been amended, was finally adopted:

Resolved, That the proposed plan for the unification of the English Mission work of the General Council be referred to a committee, which shall report at this convention, if possible.

On motion of E. Aug. Miller the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the event the committee be unable to report during this convention, the plan formulated by the same shall be referred to the District Synods for discussion before the next convention of the General Council.

The President appointed the following committee to consider the Plan of Unification and report at this convention, if possible: The Revs. S. Laird, D.D., S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., G. F. Krotel, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., G. W. Sandt, D.D., J. C. Kunzman, D.D., E. T. Horn, D.D., P. Peterson and E. Aug. Miller, Esq.. Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., and Mr. W. Hengerer.

In the seventh session this committee presented its report, which was received for consideration. During the discussion which arose on the committee's recommendation the Rev. H. A. Weller offered a series of resolutions, as a substitute for the report of the committee, which were considered, amended and adopted as they here follow:

RESOLUTIONS ON UNIFICATION OF ENGLISH MISSION WORK OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, The General Council has not found any of the plans heretofore submitted for a realization of the fruits of the principle as declared and approved, sufficient to bring it into realization, therefore,

Resolved, a. That each Synod connected with the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America, be invited and urged, through and by its General Synodical Home Mission Board or Committee, to elect two representatives to meet with such like representatives from other synods composing the General Council, at a time and place to be designated by the Board of English Home Missions of the Council, or its chairman, during the year 1904, to discuss , devise and formulate a plan of operation, having in view the effective attainment of the unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council.

b. That the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council be instructed to elect three representatives to attend and participate in the work of the joint committee provided for in the foregoing resolution.

c. That when said joint committee, or so many as do meet under the provisions of these resolutions, have so devised and formulated a plan, as herein contemplated, the said plan shall be printed and submitted, by the Secretary of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council, to the various synods in connection with the Council for discussion; and report the same for consideration, revision, and action to the General Council at its next meeting.

d. That the Board of English Home Missions or its chairman be instructed to formally call such joint committee meeting as herein provided at some point central to the General Council's Synodical delegates.

In this connection the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel offered the following resolution which was adopted:

In view of the growing influx of Lutherans and the non-churched from the rural districts into our great centers of population; and in view of the growing spirit of worldliness and indifference which is manifesting itself in opposition to the Church and is leading thousands of our people away from the faith of their fathers; and in view of the richness and vastness of the English Home Mission field in this country and the importance of vigorous and concentrated action to gather in the unchurched masses in our great cities; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge it upon our synods to press upon their people the needs and opportunities of our English Home Mission Board, and thus secure their hearty and united support in its great work.

The second item of the report was referred to the English Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with power to act.

The third and fourth items were adopted, and the report was then adopted as a whole.

In the sixth session Wm. H. Staake, Esq., Secretary, presented the following report, which was received, the recommendations adopted, and the report ordered to be spread on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1903.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society begs leave to present to your honorable body this report:

Since the last meeting of the Council the Society has extended its operations and increased its usefulness.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., the Agent of the Society and Superintendent of the work of the Board of English Home Missions, has rendered faithful service, and has succeeded in arousing additional interest in the objects of the Society.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society held November 1, 1901, the agent of the Society proposed that the Board make an effort to raise the sum of $90,000 for the further prosecution of the work of the Society.

Whereupon the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, We believe that the time has come for aggressive movement in the cause of Church Extension; and

WHEREAS, The interest bearing debt at present resting upon the missions in charge of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council is seriously crippling them, and interfering with their growth and development; therefore

Resolved, That we engage in an effort looking to the collection of a fund, within the next two years, for the general treasury of the Church Extension Society.

Resolved, That the moneys so collected be loaned to the above named missions, in place of their present interest-bearing loans,

in accordance with and under the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

A special Committee of Ways and Means, consisting of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Rev. Charles L. Fry, Antonius C. Albrecht and E. Clarence Miller, was appointed to co-operate with the agent in carrying out the proposed plan, and a committee consisting of Dr. Kunzmann, E. Augustus Miller and William H. Staake was appointed to formulate action in connection with the adoption of the said preamble and resolutions.

This Committee reported at the January meeting, 1902:

1st. That the sum of $90,500 be raised.

First—To give to the General Council Home Missions a non-interest bearing loan on their interest bearing debt.

Second—To place these missions in good financial condition for aggressive work; and

Third—To increase the capital at our disposal for the aid of needy churches.

2d. That sums not exceeding the following amounts be distributed as received, to the several missions, namely: Anderson, Ind., $1,000; Boston, Mass., $5,000; St. John's, Chicago, $3,000; St. Luke's Chicago, $3,000; Duluth, Minn., $8,000; Milwaukee, Wis., $14,000; Newark, N. J., $4,500; The Dalles, $1,500; Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis., $1,000; St. James, St. Paul, Minn., $3,000; Holy Trinity, $2,500; La Crosse, $2,500; Racine, $5,000; Portland, Ore., $20,000; Salt Lake City, $9,000; Seattle, $5,000; Tacoma, $2,500.

3d. That loans shall be made from said fund, when and as received, and those missions which, in the judgment of the Board, have made the largest proportionate efforts to reduce their indebtedness, shall be given precedence.

4th. The missions shall be informed by our agent of this action, and they shall report from time to time the success attending their efforts in the reduction of their indebtedness, so that the Board may have the information on which to intelligently and justly make distribution of the loan fund.

This report was adopted.

Special midwinter conferences were held in La Crosse, Wis., December 10, 1901; in Chicago, December 11, 1901, and in Philadelphia, January 6th to 8th, 1902, and local conferences were held in a number of places, and awakened much interest.

The Society has now kept the work of Church Extension prominently before the General Council for over thirty years. The continued agitation has brought fruit in the increase of the fund now in our possession and in the efforts that have been and are being put forth in various quarters. Pittsburg and vicinity has organized a Church Extension Society and gathered a considerable fund. The brethren of Philadelphia have appointed a special committee to raise a fund for the needs of that growing city. The Synods of the Northwest and Chicago are now agitating the question of securing means for such a fund, indispensable for our work in these days of growing cities. Our own society, as already stated, has been convinced that many of our Western missions, which are necessarily hampered by a heavy debt, will be years on the funds of the English Home Mission Board, unless this special effort is made to give them a non-interest bearing loan, to wipe out their interest bearing debt.

Hence, without touching the regular income, which is inadequate for other missions, the Society had arranged to raise the special fund of $90,500 for a special loan to meet the present emergency, and increase our capital for the future. But as other efforts taxed the financial strength of our people, the matter has been held in abeyance until the present. If our Home Mission and Church Extension interests could be consolidated and unified, we could proceed without interference. Until that can be done, we ask the General Council to commend this effort to our synods and churches. Rev. H. Martens has been laboring in the bounds of the Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio; Rev. J. A. Leas, in those of the Pittsburg Synod, and the agent of the Society has secured several thousand dollars towards the object.

Arrangements were made for the moving to Philadelphia of Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., the agent of the Society, who is also the superintendent of English Home Missions. An office is established at No. 1522 Arch Street, Philadelphia, the Church Extension Society agreeing to pay one-third of the expense of the salary and house rent of the agent and superintendent.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Society has lost one of its most beloved and efficient managers and faithful supporters, in the death of Mr. Henry Beates, who, during more than half a century, had given liberally of his time, means and ability in varied fields of usefulness in Church work. He was ever

active, energetic, able and faithful, with a hearty willingness and capacity for service, which made him, even amid advancing years, a type of the best lay activity in the Master's service.

The receipts and expenditures of the Society are shown by the report of E. Augustus Miller, the Treasurer, to be as folows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1902		$ 8,005 63
Received to December 31, 1902		12,650 90
Received to April 27, 1903		4,693 77
General Fund:		
Received for $90,500 fund	$1,000 00	
Received Salt Lake City, Utah	157 97	
		1,157 97
Received to July 14, 1903:		
General Fund	$ 895 03	
Lenten Pyramids	4,668 05	
Interest, St. John's, Duluth	40 00	
		5,603 08
		$32,111 35

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out to December 31, 1902	$ 9,477 46	
Paid out to April 27, 1903	13,364 00	
Paid out to July 14, 1903	4,156 46	
Balance on hand	5,113 43	
		$32,111 35
Total from Lenten Pyramids, 1902		$4,710 38
Total from Lenten Pyramids, 1903		5,246 46
Total assets, July 14, 1903		$77,271 72
Bond and mortgage, Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia		2,200 00
		$79,471 72

Also title to lots in Bismark, N. D.; Mayville, N. D.; Garden City, Utah; Spanish Fork, Utah.

The following are the assets of the Society:

				DUE.
Note and Mtge.	Zion Church, Tacoma, Wash.	$1,000 00		April 5, '98.
Bond "	St. John's Ch., McKeesport, Pa.	1,000 00		July 13, '98.
Note "	St. John's Ch., Anderson, Ind. (bal.)	500 00		December 2, '96.
Bond "	Grace Ch., Newark, N. J.	2,000 00		December 3, '97.
" "	Church Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y.	500 00		July 22, '04.
" "	St. John's Ch., Wilkesbarre, Pa.	1,000 00		February 18, '98.
Note "	St. Mark's Ch., Boston, Mass.	1,800 00		August 13, '00.
" "	St. Mark's Ch., Boston, Mass.	3,000 00		June 16, '05.
" "	St. John's Ch., Chicago, Ill.	1,500 00		November 5, 01.
Bond "	Ev. Luth. Ch., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	1,000 00		December 5, '99.
" "	Ev. Luth. Ch., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	500 00		May 27, '00.
Note "	Ch. Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis. (bal.)	6,070 32		
" "	St. James' Ch., Portland, Ore.	10,368 69		
" "	St. John's Ch., Duluth, Minn.	4,069 29		
" "	Holy Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah	2,400 00		April 14, '03.
" "	Zion Ch., The Dalles, Ore.	900 00		May 1, '01.
Bond "	Bethlehem, Phila., Pa.	2,500 00		January 6, '02.
" "	St. Peter's Ch., Natrona, Pa.	500 00		May 1, '02.
Note "	St. Peter's Ch., Chicago, Ill.	500 00		August 8, '03.
" "	Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis.	1,450 00		November 11, '04.
" "	Transfiguration, Phila., Pa.	1,000 00		December 11, '03.
" "	Holy Trinity Elizabeth, N. J.	2,000 00		February 26, '04.
" "	St. John's Ch., New Castle, Pa.	1,500 00		June 1, '04.
" "	Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	1,500 00		January 8, '02.
Note "	Grace Ch., Toledo, O.	1,500 00		October 9, '04.
				$500.

				DUE
				January 21, '05.
				$1,000.
Bond and Mtge.	Ch. Resurrection, Phila., Pa	$2,500	00	September 13, '04.
Note "	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	1,000	00	December 19, '02.
Bond "	Ch. of Apostles, Phila., Pa	5,000	00	March 13, '05.
" "	St. Paul's, New Kensington, Pa	900	00	September 21, '07.
" "	Ch. of the Saviour, Trenton, N. J	2,000	00	October 30, '07.
" "	Trinity Ch., Haverford, Pa	1,000	00	
" "	Bethlehem, Phila., Pa	2,500	00	
	Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash	2,500	00	
	St. Mark's, Minneapolis	1.200	00	
	Grace Church, Wyndmoor	2.000	00	
	St. Paul's Ch., Vancouver	1,500	00	
	Cash Balance	5,113	42	
		$77,271	72	
Bond and Mortgage, Church of the Incarnation, Phila		2,200	00	
Total		$79,471	72	

And lots in Bismark, Mayville, Garden City and Spanish Fork, above stated.

The present officers of the Society are:

President—Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.
Treasurer—E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Secretary—William H. Staake, Esq.

MANAGERS.

Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.	Enos R. Artman.
Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.	James H. Wolfe.
Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.	Prof. S. P. Sadtler.
Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.	A. C. Albrecht.
Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D.	E. Augustus Miller.
John Willing.	E. Clarence Miller.
James. N. Mohr.	William H. Staake.

The Standing Committees of the Society are:

EXECUTIVE.

Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D. Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D. E. Augustus Miller.

FINANCE.

John Willing. E. R. Artman. James N. Mohr.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D. James H. Wolfe. Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, D.D.

The object of the Society has been stated to be:

"To secure and safely manage a permanent church extension fund, and to hold the same in trust to assist missions and other needy churches in the securement of grounds for the building of church edifices and the erection thereon of churches or chapels for the use of congregations in the public worship of Almighty God in accordance with the faith and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the securement of grounds for the building of institutions of learning, charity or benevolence."

The practice of the Society is not to loan money for the erection of parsonages.

The payment of $50 at one time constitutes a life-membership, and $5 an annual membership.

The Society also acts as Trustee for congregations or institutions in holding their property pending their legal incorporation.

Again returning thanks to Almighty God for His blessing upon the Society since the last meeting of the General Council we ask, on part of the Church, a renewal of interest in and an increased appreciation of the objects of the Society.

We ask, for the agent of the Society, a welcome into the congregations, and assistance in presenting the claims of the Society for the generous support of our people.

Very respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Secretary.*

The President appointed the following Committee on Nominations: The Revs. S. Laird, D.D., S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., J. G. Neiffer, D.D., H. Peters, J. E. Whitteker, D.D., G. F. Spieker, D.D., S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., J. A. W. Haas, D.D., C. Armand Miller, and William H. Staake, Esq., Mr. W. Warren Wattles, Mr. W. Hengerer, Prof. T. H. Serfass, Mr. C. B. Opp and Hon. C. A. Schieren.

Pending the consideration of the proposed plan of unification, the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. W. K. Frick, of the English Synod of the Northwest.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, October 12, 9 *A. M.*

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. H. A. Weller, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of the President the Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., of the Augustana Synod, presided during part of the session.

The consideration of the proposed plan of unification, pending at the time of adjournment. The first item was under consideration and several resolutions were offered and changes proposed.

The discussion continued during the entire session without the Council arriving at a conclusion. Pending the consideration, the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. D. M. Kemerer, of the Pittsburg Synod.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, October 12, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., of the Pittsburg Synod.

The minutes were read and approved.

The recommendations of the Board of English Home Missions pending at the time of adjournment in the morning, received further consideration and the several items were adopted and the report was adopted as a whole, as it appears in its proper connection in the record of the fourth session.

The Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., official visitor of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, presented the fraternal greetings of that body to the General Council. The President of the Council responded to the greetings of the delegate from the General Synod.

Greetings from the Icelandic Synod, in a letter written by the Secretary of that body, the Rev. B. B. Jonsson, were read by the President. By action of the Council, this letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes and the President was instructed to send a suitable reply. Following is the

LETTER FROM THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

MINNEOLA, MINN., Sept. 15, '03.

To the General Council of the Ev. Luth Church in North America:

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST: The Icelandic Ev. Luth. Synod in America at its convention in Argyle, Manitoba, last June, instructed me to convey to you its most cordial and fraternal greetings. My Synod desires to be in close and brotherly relation with the General Council. We acknowledge with gratitude to God the great benefit we have derived from being under the influence of the General Council. Through your schools and literature we have inhaled the spirit of the General Council, although we are not yet organically connected with it. Your leaders and teachers are our leaders and teachers also. Your faith is our faith. In Christ and the principles of the Lutheran Reformation we are one.

May God bless the General Council and crown its efforts with success. May the Holy Spirit lead you in your deliberations at the convention, and may your meeting add to the glory of Christ on earth and be a great blessing to our dear Lutheran Church.

With highest esteem and brotherly love,

B. B. JONSSON, *Secretary.*

The Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., presented the following report as the representative of this body to the Iowa Synod. The report was received and adopted, as here follows:

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

As the duly appointed delegate of the General Council to the Iowa Synod, I visited this venerable body at its convention at Dixon, Ill., from August 19th to 26th, 1902. Dixon, Ill., is a lovely town of about 10,000 inhabitants, situated on the picturesque Rock River. There are two Lutheran churches in the town, a German church of the Iowa Synod, and an English church of the General Synod. On the north side of the river the General Synod has a beautiful reservation of eighty acres called the "Assembly Park," with an auditorium large enough to seat 4,000 people, also an Assembly Hall, a Bible House and other fine buildings. Here the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Adjacent States convened. Your delegate attended from beginning to very near the close of the sessions, and begs leave to submit the following report of what he has heard and seen and experienced at this very interesting meeting.

Soon after the opening of the Synod your delegate offered his credentials as the official visitor of the General Council. He was welcomed most heartily by the veteran president, and after having conveyed his message of fraternal greetings, "as a brother from brethren to brethren," he was surprised by a loud applause from all parts of the spacious "Chautuaqua Hall" (where the Synod convened) and was at once made to feel at home. This certainly betokened a friendly feeling towards the General Council. I may add that your delegate was treated with the utmost courtesy, which soon developed into true German "Herzlichkeit." Your delegate was well aware that the relations between the General Council and the Iowa Synod had always been friendly, but was most agreeably surprised to find so much good will, yes, even enthusiasm, for our general body. There is no reason why this should be otherwise. We of the General Council not only fully agree with the Iowa Synod doctrinally, but we hold in highest esteem the fathers of that venerable body, we have the profoundest admiration for the missionary zeal shown by our brethren and rejoice with them over the glorious success which has attended their work. Your delegate was amazed at the statistics presented in the report of the secretary, showing the flourishing condition of the Iowa Synod and the astounding magnitude of its work.

Statistics.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa has a membership of 451 ministers. These have the spiritual oversight of 856 congregations, 146 of which being "preaching stations," i. e., missionary outposts. The parochial lists show 25,768 voting members, 84,610 communicants and 144,416 souls. The sum of $352,341.51 was raised during the last synodical year for church, mission and other relgious purposes. The Synod has a very efficient theological seminary at Dubuque, Iowa; a college at Clinton, Iowa; a teachers' seminary at Waverly, Iowa, besides two orphanages. In Waverly, Iowa, (with a branch at Chicago, Ill.) is the "Wartburg Publishing House," of the Iowa Synod, a large and paying concern, from which is issued the "Iowa Kirchenblatt," the official organ of the Synod, with a subscription list of about 5,000. The Synod is divided into seven district synods, covering all the territory from Ohio to Washington State. These district synods convene annually, whilst the Iowa Synod proper, composed of delegates of the various districts, convenes only every third year.

The Sessions.

A very prominent feature of the sessions were the thorough doctrinal discussions, to which three entire sessions, and morning sessions at that, were devoted. The subject under discussion was "What are the duties imposed upon Christian parents by the baptism of children?" Everybody seemed to participate in these discussions and they proved to be instructive, edifying and stimulating, many old truths were brought out in a new light and much was learned from practical hints and suggestions emanating from worthy fathers who have grown gray in the service of their Master. The business of the Synod was transacted with remarkable dispatch and with strict adherence to parliamentary rules, the Rev. J. Deindoerfer, D.D., being an ideal presiding officer, courteous, fatherly, quick and decisive in his rulings.

Resolutions.

Of these your delegate would report only two: The first is that the next Synod be held at Waverly, Iowa, in the year 1904, to celebrate the fiftieth jubilee of the Iowa Synod, and that the General Council be requested to participate in the celebration by sending a delegate; and the second resolution: That in future an official delegate be sent by the Iowa Synod to every convention of the General Council.

Very respectfully,

G. C. Berkemeier.

By action of the Council a letter from the Rev. J. Deindoerfer, D.D., President of the Synod of Iowa, was read. In it he extends an invitation to the General Council to send an official representative to the Jubilee Convention of that Synod in 1904. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth it was

Resolved, That this General Council accept this kind invitation and send a delegate to the next convention of the Synod of Iowa.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Krotel the letter of the President of the Synod of Iowa was ordered to be spread on the minutes. Following is the

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE IOWA SYNOD.

WAVERLY, IOWA, August 1, 1903.

REV. M. C. RANSEEN, D.D., President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in N. America, Chicago, Ill.

HIGHLY ESTEEMED PRESIDENT: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa will (D. V.) celebrate, in the year 1904, the fiftieth anniversary of its organization. The Synod avowedly stands in the unity of the faith with the General Council and desires to confirm and promote this unity. Hence, at the last year's convention, at Dixon, Ill., it resolved to invite a representative of the General Council to take part in the Synod's jubilee services. Permit me, highly esteemed president, to communicate to you herewith this resolution, in my official capacity, and kindly ask you to inform the venerable Council of this action, at its next convention, and to request that body to appoint a representative to participate in our celebration.

The convention of the Synod of Iowa will be held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, Dubuque, Iowa, August 24-30, 1904. The intervening Sunday will be specially devoted to the jubilee services. The Synod of Iowa will esteem it a source of great pleasure to have a representative of the venerable General Council present on that occasion.

With highest esteem and fraternal greetings,

(Signed) J. DEINDOERFER,
President of the General Synod, etc.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate a delegate to the next convention of the Synod of Iowa.

The Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., of the Pittsburg Synod, was called to the chair and presided during a part of the session.

The Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., Secretary of the Committee, presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The General Council Committee on Education begs leave to report that it has held a number of prolonged sessions, with an encouraging attendance on the part of the members of the committee. The committee has thoroughly considered the scope of its work, and believes that no more important matter can be brought to the attention of the General Council for consideration and for action than that which has been committed to its care. It further

believes that the only way of improving or reconstructing the educational work of our Lutheran Church is to take up each phase of it step by step, and thus gradually to make such definite recommendations on each stage as will prove to be practical, and as the synods and congregations will feel it to be their duty to inaugurate. The committee has therefore decided to confine its present report to the subject of elementary parochial education in the congregation.

But before entering upon definite recommendations your committee regrets that the Philadelphia Seminary and Muhlenberg College were not represented in its meetings; the former because of the resignation of Dr. Jacobs, the latter because of the illness of Dr. Seip. In view of the importance of the educational work of the Council, the advantages of its review and comparison by those immediately engaged in it, the necessity of all its phases being from the first discussed by all members of the committee, as well as the need of representatives from all our chief institutions to give the work general approval and to enable the committee, as originally resolved, to be subdivided into sections, we ask that the Council seek to secure full representation. Without this the unanimous endorsement of this work in Lima, 1901 (Minutes, p. 123) will fail to be effective.

In reference to elementary education we beg leave to present the following recommendations:

1. That the General Council ask every synod to request each of its congregations to institute a week-day Christian Kindergarten in its midst in addition to the usual Sunday-school. The little children of the Church belong to the Lord. In these tender years of childhood, long before the age when the State ought to desire that they receive a secular education, much can be done to increase the growth of the little soul in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to establish it in the true faith, before it reaches the period of six or seven years of age. Lutheran parents should see to it that a true Christian Kindergarten is instituted in their own congregation. The Christian Kindergarten first established in 1779 by Oberlin and Louisa Scheppler is radically distinct in principle from the Kindergarten of Froebel which intentionally excludes religion from its teaching, and which rests on a denial of original sin, baptismal grace, and ignores the early necessity of suffering the little ones to come to the Lord Jesus,

and of instilling a real Christian training in the tender years of childhood. The Christian school for little ones, which, in the historical form of the "Kleinkinderschule" long antedated the organization of the first Froebel Kindergarten, emphasizes religious training first of all. It teaches the little ones a few great Bible stories, Bible verses, children's prayers, and hymns, imparting this and other spiritual knowledge on sound pedagogical principles. To this end, it has adapted some of the gifts and plays of the Kindergarten to Christian principles.

2. To note the advance made by introducing such Christian schools the Council is requested to ask its delegations two years hence about the progress made.

3. Further, the Council is asked to impress its pastors with the importance of urging the establishment and work of the Christian Kindergarten upon their people.

4. That these recommendations be made effective, your committee feels that the Council should ask the District Synods to appoint some one who shall present and urge this matter, and whose expenses shall be paid by methods to be devised by the synods.

5. The General Council recommends that the Church take some steps to prepare a sufficient number of deaconesses to become the teachers of these parochial Kindergartens.

It recommends deaconesses as teachers of the Kindergarten because they, more than any others, will have the self-denying faith and love to train the little children in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, into Whom all of our children have been baptized; because the deaconesses make this the work of their life and have in the Motherhouse a standard and churchly center of theoretical and practical training; because they are free from the care of earning an earthly support; because they are under the oversight of the pastor of the congregation and the Motherhouse in a regular and ecclesiastical way; and because the use of the teaching deaconess as teacher in a congregational Kindergarten places little financial burden upon the churches.

6. In order to meet the very great demand for teaching deaconesses which would immediately spring up, if the foregoing recommendations are carried into execution by synods and congregations, the General Council recommends that the pastor of every one of the congregations within its bounds, seek out and

send one or more suitable young women, who are willing to become deaconesses, either to the Motherhouse in Philadelphia or in Milwaukee or Omaha, to enable these institutions to offer the needed instructors to the churches. It also recommends that the said Motherhouses make an earnest attempt to arrange for training a large number of young women in the deaconess work, with a view to their being sent to congregations as parochial Kindergarten teachers.

7. The General Council recommends, in order to expedite and facilitate the opening of parochial Kindergartens, that the pastors of every congregation endeavor to induce young women to take immediate courses of training in Christian Kindergarten work, and that the said pastors send these young women to the Deaconess Motherhome with such an end in view. It further requests the Deaconess' Motherhouses to open courses for such instruction of teachers in connection with the regular deaconess work already in operation in their institution.

8. The Education Committee requests that Dr. F. A. Kaehler and Rev. C. Armand Miller be added to it.

Finally it asks for action by the General Council on the above recommendations; and begs leave to report that it has had before it the topics of Intermediate, Academic, Collegiate and Seminary Education, but has concluded to postpone the introduction of these topics until the General Council has made some satisfactory disposition of the present problems of Primary Parochial Education.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN A. W. HAAS, *Secretary.*

The report was received and considered item by item. With reference to the request of the committee for a full representation of the educational institutions of the Council on the committee, it was on motion of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman

Resolved, That the Faculty of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and the Faculty of Muhlenberg College be asked to appoint representatives of their respective institutions as members of this committee.

Items 1-8 were adopted; the request of the committee for additional members was referred to the Committee on Nominations; and the report was adopted as a whole.

Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., Secretary, presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Mission.)

As the Augustana Synod is the only Swedish Lutheran body in North America, its mission field embraces every portion of the continent where Swedes are found. The Home Mission work on this immense field is largely done by the eight conferences into which the Synod has been divided, as follows:

The New York Conference, embracing all the States east of Indiana and north of the Ohio and the Potomac. This Conference has a large and important mission field, as large numbers of immigrants now stop in the manufacturing cities in the East. It supports, in whole or in part, 45 mission congregations, and has paid out of its treasury for this purpose, during the two years since the last report was made to the Council, $10,897.34.

The Illinois Conference, embracing Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Eastern Wisconsin, maintains 51 missions, and its expenses for this purpose during the two years amount to $7,711.56.

The Minnesota Conference, composed of Minnesota, Western Wisconsin, the two Dakotas, and Canada, has the most extensive and important mission field of them all, as large numbers of immigrants are continually seeking homes on the fertile prairies of the Northwest. It has 75 missions and has paid out of its treasury during the two years $15,167.77.

The Iowa Conference, embracing Iowa and Missouri, except Kansas City, has 23 mission places, and its expenses amount to $3,983.23 for the same period.

The Kansas Conference, including Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Kansas City, Mo., support 34 missions at a cost for the biennium of $4,042.16.

The Nebraska Conference, embracing Nebraska and Wyoming, maintains 31 missions, and its expenses during the two years amount to $7,429.46.

The Columbia Conference, embracing Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, is a new and large mission field. Besides the self-supporting congregations there are about 30 mission places visited by the pastors and missionaries of the Conference. The Synod has contributed $1,000 during the two years towards this work.

The California Conference, including only the State of California, is the smallest and weakest of all the Conferences. It contains many mission places visited by the pastors of the few self-supporting congregations. The Synod has contributed $1,000 toward the support of the work during the two years.

The portions of the United States lying outside of the bounds of these Conferences constitute the mission field of the Synod as a whole. It embraces at present Montana, Utah, southern Idaho and Alaska in the West, and Florida and Alabama in the South.

Montana contains three organized churches—Butte, Helena and Anaconda, and a number of mission stations. Two pastors are at present in charge of the work here, Rev. P. A. Fair, stationed at Helena, and Rev. J. E. Shipp at Butte. Efforts have been made to secure a pastor for Anaconda.

Utah numbers seven congregations—Salt Lake City, Ogden, Bingham, Park City, Eureka, Provo and Santaquin, and a number of mission places. Two pastors, Rev. Emanuel Rydberg and Rev. O. A. Elmquist, and one deaconess, Sister Hulda Hultquist, are in charge of the work here.

Idaho has two congregations—Idaho Falls and Shelley, beside a number of mission stations. Rev. C. E. Bengtson, stationed at Idaho Falls, supplies this field.

The mission work in Alaska is confined to Douglas Island, where Mr. J. A. Levin is at present engaged.

Alabama contains two congregations—Thorsby and Fruithurst, and a few mission stations. Rev. J. E. Hedberg is in charge of this work.

Florida has two congregations—Pierson and Upsala, and one or two mission stations. The field is at present without a missionary.

The Synod also conducts an immigrant mission in connection with its Immigrant Home in New York, where Rev. A. B. Lilja is employed as missionary; and also an immigrant mission in Boston in charge of the Rev. C. W. Andeer.

The Mission Board of the Synod has under its immediate charge in these missions districts 35 mission stations and congregations, and has paid out of its treasury during two years $17,134.74.

Add to this the work done by the Conferences and we have a total of 334 missions and an expenditure of $67,936.02 for two

years. This sum, however, does not represent all the work done, for in all the Conferences the pastors of the regular congregations take turns in visiting such mission places as are not supplied by regular missionaries.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Home Missions.

C. W. Foss, *Treasurer.*

Wm. H. Staake, Esq., Secretary, presented the report of the Church Extension Society, which was received, the recommendations adopted and the report ordered to be spread on the Minutes. The report appears in these Minutes in connection with the report of the Board of English Home Missions.

The Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., Secretary, presented the following

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

As soon as the official announcement had been received, giving us the necessary information in regard to the members that were elected to the Board of Publication by the General Council at its convention at Lima, Ohio, the Board organized by electing the following officers:

President, The Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.; Secretary, the Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D.; Treasurer, Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D.,LL.D. Members of the Executive Committee, the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., president; the Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss, D.D., secretary; Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D., LL.D.; Mr. Chas. B. Opp, business manager; and Mr. James G. Finley. The Finance Committee consists of the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., chairman; Mr. James N. Mohr and G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.

Stated meetings are held by the Board in January, April, July and October. The Executive Committee meets monthly and the Finance Committee whenever the occasion calls for a meeting.

The Board has made some much needed improvements and alterations in the Publication House at 1522 Arch St., Philadelphia. Among these may be noted the tearing out of the partitions on the first floor front, the construction of an annex, one story high, to the side and rear of the main room, making one large room, where the business proper is carried on. On this floor the clerical force

is placed, separated from the front portion of the room and the hallway leading to the rear of the building, by a partition running half way to the ceiling. A large bulk window has been placed in the front with proper lettering, designating the House and its business.

Book cases, shelving, etc., have also been provided. Fire-proof vaults have been built in the cellar, and a vulcanite pavement laid in the front of the building. The cost of these improvements appears later in this report.

The Kirchenbuch, intermediate size, has been completed and is on sale. The cost of the new plates amounts to about $1,850.

Particular attention has been given to the matter of securing the best paper and binding for all the editions of the Church Book and Kirchenbuch, as well as for all other publications.

Conscious of the many important claims upon our congregations for the support of the Church's missionary and educational interests, the Board has not, up to this time, pushed the matter of issuing "stock loan interest-bearing certificates for the purpose of securing a working capital," but holds itself in readiness to receive at any time, and gratefully to acknowledge any contributions from individuals or congregations that may be made for the accumulation of a capital, by which the work of the Board can be more successfully carried on.

The Church Almanacs for 1904 are well advanced, and will be ready for the market about the middle of next month. There will be two editions, the one English, the other German. The English will contain both the clerical and geographical lists of ministers, and in consequence of this feature the selling price will be increased correspondingly. The German Almanac will not contain the Geographical List, hence the price will be the same as heretofore.

Sunday-school Series.

By the diligent, arduous and self-sacrificing labors of the Sunday-school Committee in furnishing the matter, the Board has been enabled to continue the publication of the Sunday-school Series, both in the English and German languages. The larger amount and the wide range of material requisite to furnish our Sunday-schools with supplies in this line can hardly be estimated or fully appreciated by those who are not in active touch with its

work. The Church owes a lasting debt of gratitude to the Sunday-school Committee, and especially to its able, judicious and indefatigable chairman, for the excellent arrangement of subjects, the helpful, appropriate and sound instruction in Biblical truths here afforded, that now obtain in our Sunday-schools. The Board desires to record its obligation to the chairman and members of the committee, as well as its just appreciation of their labors. It also takes pleasure in stating the fact that the best feeling and heartiest co-operation exists between the Board and the committee.

Careful attention has been given to the wider circulation and advertisement of the Sunday-school literature, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Council at Lima, Ohio. (See Minutes, pp. 84, 85.) Relative to arrangements contemplated two years ago with the Augustana Book Concern, we are pleased to report that a few days ago a request was received from that house, asking for permission, in order to secure conformity with the General Council System, to translate, or adapt, to meet their requirements, as the case may be, and to publish in the Swedish language the following General Council publications: The Quarterly, the Sunbeams, Bible Story, Bible Geography, Bible Biography. This permission has been granted by the Board.

The Board has recently published "Biblical Criticism," a timely and able work prepared by the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., of New York, with an appropriate introduction by the Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Dean of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. It is not necessary to enter into detail in regard to the handling and publishing of other books as a list of these appears in the latter part of this report.

The Lutheran.

Special efforts have been put forth to increase the circulation of "The Lutheran," both the weekly and monthly editions. A judicious correspondence has been carried on with pastors, and wherever it was possible to do so, active canvassers have been secured, mainly through the assistance rendered by the pastors. The increase of the circulation has been upwards of 2,000 copies. Both the editor-in-chief and the managing editor deserve a great deal of credit for the sound, healthy, devout and truly Lutheran information and instruction which its columns contain. The first issue of the month of October, 1903, viz: "The Education and General Council" number, is a fair sample.

"The Lutheran" ought to be in every English-speaking family of the General Council. May that day speedily come.

It will no doubt be gratifying to hear that there has been a steady increase in the volume of business carried on by the Board. This is notably the case with the English publications as well as the literature published under the direction of the Sunday-school Work Committee; also with the sale of books, etc., not under direct control of the General Council. From the Treasurer's report it will be seen that the total receipts, including the balances, were $100,584.65, an average of $4,345.68 per month. Compared with the period covered by the report two years ago the approximate average monthly increase has been $650.

Since the last biennial report the Board has added to its list of publications the following: Bible Teachings and Bible Literature of the Sunday-school Series, and Biblical Criticism by Rev. Dr. Haas. It has also published the book entitled "Under Two Captains" for Rev. Prof. W. A. Sadtler, Ph.D., and "Perfect Prayer" for Rev. C. Armand Miller; and by special arrangement is handling "Passiontide Sermonettes," "Beacon Lights," "The Christ and His Church,' etc., by Rev. Dr. Seiss, and "The Choral Service" for Rev. L. D. Reed and Mr. Archer. We have likewise made arrangements for the exclusive handling of Dr. Schmauk's new History of the Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania.

New plates have also been provided for the intermediate size Kirchenbuch and the final proof of new plates for the large Kirchenbuch are now in the hands of the editor of the German publications. It is contemplated that the plates of the small book will also be renewed within the next year. After this is done the Kirchenbuch will be issued in three sizes, the plates for which having all been made from new type especially cast and imported from Germany.

While the Board was relieved from the cost of publishing the two books "Under Two Captains" and "Perfect Prayer" above referred to, the necessity of providing plates for the other books named and for the publishing of the Sunday-school Series required an outlay of $5,347.55, as will be seen from the Treasurer's report. It will also be seen that the sum of $2,200 has been added to the sinking fund, and that the alterations and furniture required $2,445.01. The postage and express charges, namely $114.33, for sending out the Minutes of the last convention of

the Council, instead of drawing on the treasury of the Council, were paid out of the Board's receipts. Adding these items and the difference in the treasury balances, viz., $574.61, the sum total amounts to $10,681.50, representing the earnings since October 1, 1901.

If all pastors, congregations and committees in the General Council would co-operate with the Board of Publication by dealing with us the magnitude of our business would vastly increase.

We believe that we are justified in asking this of loyal members of the General Council, as we shall endeavor to serve them well; and more especially so since the Council has not furnished the Board with any capital, nor has the Board asked for direct contributions from the synods and congregations connected with the Council, but is obliged to depend solely upon the good will of the Council itself for increasing its business. We therefore respectfully request that pastors and congregations place their orders for congregational and Sunday-school supplies with the General Council Publication House, and endeavor to introduce dealings on a cash basis.

The Board would respectfully recommend to the General Council the propriety of electing at this time one-half of the members of the Board of Publication for two years, the other half for four years, and hereafter at its biennial conventions elect one-half the members for four years.

Report of the Treasurer of the Publication Board

From September 30, 1901, to August 31, 1903 (23 months).

"The Lutheran."

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance September 30, 1901	$ 556 25	
Subscriptions to weekly and monthly, advertising, etc.	16,717 43	
		$17,273 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper, printing and mailing	$10,271 81	
Salaries and canvassing expenses	5,593 64	
Postage, stationery and printing	611 25	
Cuts and all other expenses	429 62	
		$16,906 32
Leaving a balance of		$ 367 36

Other Publications.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance September 30, 1901	$ 74 26	
Sales of English Publications	$29,524 50	
Sales of German publications	12,326 42	

Sales of Sunday-school literature	$32,302 12		
Sales of other publications	8,979 95		
Interest on Bank balances	103 72		
		$83,236 71	
			$83,310 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper	$ 9,744 63	
Printing	19,388 36	
Binding	14,553 22	
Plates and cuts	5,347 55	
Merchandise purchases	6,780 03	
Postage and express charges	3,847 94	
Postage and express charges, Gen. Council Minutes	114 33	
Salaries	11,182 34	
Interest	900 00	
Sinking fund for mortgage debt	2,200 00	
Expenses for writers, editor, clerk hire, proof reading, postage, etc., of S. S. Work Committee	2,875 00	
Expenses of Church Book Committee	55 91	
Other editorial expenses	248 08	
Stationery, printing and advertising	728 89	
Taxes and water rent	718 50	
Insurance	306 36	
Treasurer's surety bond	37 50	
Furniture	522 79	
Repairs and alterations	1,922 22	
All other expenses, coal, gas, etc	999 56	
		$82,473 21
Leaving a balance of		$ 837 76

Summary.

RECEIPTS.

The Lutheran	$17,273 68	
Other publications	83,310 97	
		$100,584 65

EXPENDITURES.

The Lutheran	$16,906 32	
Other publications	82,473 21	
		99,379 53
Leaving a balance of		$ 1,205 12

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, *Treasurer.*

August 31, 1903.

The Finance Committee of the Board have examined and audited the account of the Treasurer and the corresponding account of the Business Manager, both as to the items of charge and discharge, and find the same correct.

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH.

Publication House, September 26, 1903.

Resume.

Seven years have now elapsed since the work of the Board assumed such proportions that the establishment of headquarters became necessary, and a short resumé of what has been accomplished during this period may be of interest.

I. The Graded System for Sunday-school instruction, prepared by the Sunday-school Work Committee, embraces the following:

1. Primary Teacher's Quarterly, illustrated.
2. Sunbeams, Kindergarten Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
3. Sunshine, Children's Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
4. Sunrays, Junior Division, quarterly, illustrated.
5. Wall Charts of the Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
6. Bible Story, bound form for teachers.
7. Bible Story, bound form for scholars.
8. Bible Story, quarterly form for teachers.
9. Bible Story, quarterly form for scholars.
10. Bible History, bound form.
11. Bible History, quarterly form. Separate bound book for teachers.
12. Bible Geography, quarterly form.
13. Bible Geography, bound form.
14. Bible Biography, quarterly form.
15. Bible Biography, bound form.
16. Bible Teachings, bound form.
17. Bible Teachings, quarterly form.
18. Bible Literature, bound form.
19. Bible Literature, quarterly form.
20. Teacher's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
21. Scholar's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
22. Pocket Lesson Leaf Quarterly.
23. Lesson Commentary, bound form.
24. Biblische Erzaehlungen, bound form.
25. Sonntagschul-Lektionsblaetter, quarterly form.
26. Home Department Supplies.
27. List of Daily Scripture Lessons for Students and Bible Readers.

II. *English Publications.*

Church Book, large. New plates made necessary owing to the fire at Lippincott's.

Sunday-school Book with Music. Revised and enlarged.

Sunday-school Book, Words only. Revised and enlarged.

Church Almanac.

Church or Parish Record Book for Congregations.

III. *German Publications.*

Kirchenbuch, large size.
Kirchenbuch, intermediate size.
The Agende.
Hand Agende aus dem Kirchenbuch.
Sonntagschulbuch mit Noten. Revised and enlarged.
Sonntagschulbuch ohne Noten. Revised and enlarged.
Kalendar.

To cover the cost of plates and cuts necessary for all these publications it required an outlay of $15,491.31.

IV. *General Council Treasury.*

Amount paid over to the Treasurer towards the support of Missions and other uses, $6,476.42.

V. *Real Estate and Furniture.*

Towards the purchase of the property we now occupy, necessary alterations, repairs, furniture, etc., required $8,616.42.

VI. *Sinking Fund.*

Amount set apart towards the liquidation of mortgage debt, $7,110.00.

In all $37,649.15 has been gained in assets and contributions during the past seven years, all of which has been taken from the proceeds of the business, with the exception of a donation of $5 from an individual, and $109 from Bethlehem congregation of Philadelphia.

The receipts during this period from sales of English and German books, Sunday-school literature, and publications other than those under the control of the

General Council, were	$238,414 92
From The Lutheran	57,790 39
A total of	$296,205 31

The increase of business is evidenced by the Treasurer's reports, but in order that the same be more clearly understood, the monthly average receipts are given, namely:

From October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897 (12 months)	$2,413 38	per	month
" October 1, 1897, to September 1, 1899 (23 mos.)	3,288 60	"	"
" September 1, 1899, to October 1, 1901 (25 mos.)	3,687 72	"	"
" October 1, 1901, to September 1, 1903 (23 mos.)	4,345 68	"	"

The valuation of the property of the Board is the following:

Real estate and furniture valued at	$25,000 00
Sinking fund, $7,110; interest, $416.87	7,516 87
Stock on hand taken at about cost	14,355 33
Estimated value of electrotypes, about one-third actual cost	8,500 00
Cash on hand	1,205 12
Total	$56,577 32
Less mortgage debt	15,000 00
	$41,577 32

This states briefly what has been done in these seven years, and if this can be taken as an index for the future the Publication interests of the General Council will increase in influence and contribute largely to its success.

Surely the Lord has prospered the work of our hands, and to Him be all the praise.

In behalf of the Board, respectfully submitted,

S. A. ZIEGENFUSS, *Secretary.*

The report was received, considered item by item and the recommendations adopted. On motion of the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk it was

Resolved, That the report of the Board be adopted and the careful and successful management of the Board be commended.

Resolved, That the General Council express its gratification at the ability with which "The Lutheran" is being edited and at its success as the English organ of the General Council.

Resolved, That we rejoice at the prospect of co-operation in the issue of the General Council Graded System of Sunday-school instruction with the Augustana Book Concern.

On motion of Wm. H. Staake, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America be, and it is hereby authorized, ordered and directed to take all the action necessary at law or otherwise to amend the Charter or By-Laws of the corporation to provide for the election of one-half of the members of said Board of Publication at each biennial convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America in the place and stead of the existing arrangement for the election of all the members of the said Board at each biennial convention of the General Council. That the members elected at the present convention of the General Council shall, after said amendments have been effected, by lot determine the members to serve for two years and those to serve for four years.

The Rev. S. Laird, D.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council report that since the last convention the following matters have claimed their attention and been acted on:

I. At the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, a Letter of Attorney was given to the Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, empowering him to act in all matters pertaining to the purchase, sale and management of property belonging to the mission in India, in place of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, who was about to return to this country.

II. At the further request of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Trustees considered the proposal of settlement of the Board with the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., retiring from active work in the Rajahmundry Mission in India, and the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved,* That the Trustees having considered the proposed plan of settlement with Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., approve the action of the Board of Foreign Missions as the best that can be taken.

III. The Board of Porto Rico Missions reported to the Trustees that they had purchased a lot of ground in Catano, opposite San Juan, Porto Rico, and had erected a church building thereon. Title was taken in the name of the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. The deed for the same has been placed in the possession of the Trustees of the Council. It is in the Spanish language and is accompanied with an English translation.

IV. It is recommended that the bond given by the Treasurer of the General Council be placed in charge of the Trustees, instead of in the care of the President, as has been the case heretofore. The Trustees are a continuous body and are the legal representatives of the Council, and are the proper custodians of such a document as this.

V. The term of office of the following Trustees expires this year, viz: E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Mr. Henry Lehman, Mr. W. F. Monroe, Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., Wm. H. Staake, Esq., and Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer. Six members of the Board are therefore to be elected, three to serve for two years, and three for three years. The report of the Treasurer is presented herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.

Following is the Report of the Treasurer.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America of the following funds:

Seminary Building Fund Account.

DR.

Balance at audit, November 25, 1901	$500 00	
Interest from Bank	17 00	
		$517 00

CR.

Balance on hand	$517 00

This fund consists of moneys contributed towards the erection of a Seminary Building at Rajahmundry, India, the title to which is to be held by the Trustees.

B. W. Schmauk Legacy Account.

DR.

1901.				
		Balance at audit, August 31, 1901	$ 1 87	
Oct.	25.	To cash 18 months interest due Oct. 1, 1901, on $500 Electric and People's 4's	30 00	
1902.				
Apr.	2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4/1/02, on same	10 00	
Oct.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 10/1/02 on same	10 00	
Apr.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4/1/03 on same	10 00	
Oct.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 10/1/03 on same	10 00	
				$71 87

CR.

By cash	00 00	
Balance on hand	71 87	
		$71 87

The interest of this fund is for the work of Foreign Missions.

Unknown Donor Account.

DR.

		Balance on hand at audit 8/31/01	$ 22 50	
1901				
Oct.	25.	To cash, 18 mos. int. due 10/1/01 on $2000 E. & P. 4s	120 00	
1902.				
Apr.	2.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4/1/02 on same	40 00	
Oct.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 10/1/02 on same	40 00	
Apr.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 4/1/03 on same	40 00	
Oct.	1.	To cash, 6 mos. int. due 10/1/03 on same	40 00	
		Interest from Bank	5 00	
				$307 50

CR.

By cash	000 00	
Balance on hand	307 50	
		$307 50

The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions.

J. George Wagner Fund.

DR.

Balance on hand 8/31/01	$ 998 50	
Interest from Bank	40 00	
		$1038 50

CR.

By cash	000 00	
Balance on hand	1038 50	
		$1038 50

The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Estate of Sarah Harwick, Deceased.

DR.

1902.				
Feb.	5.	To cash	$ 390 08	
		Interest from Bank	4 00	
				$ 394 08

Cr.

Feb. 5.	By cash, expenses	$ 10 00	
	Balance on hand	384 08	
			$ 394 08

The interest of this fund is divided between the English Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board.

Mary A. Ratzel Fund.

Dr.

	Balance last audit in 1901	$2135 00	
1902.			
Feb. 4.	To cash, Wm. A. Patterson, proportion of ground rent on 5121 Aspen Street, from 12/19/01 to 1/1/02	3 46	
July 19.	To cash, W. A. Patterson, ground rent due 7/1/02	50 00	
Dec. 31.	To cash, Marshall D. Low, 6 mos. ground rent due 1/1/03 on 5121 Aspen Street	50 00	
1903.			
June 30.	To cash, Marshall D. Low, 6 mos. ground rent due 7/1/03 on 5121 Aspen Street	50 00	
		$2288 46	
	Interest from Bank	46 10	
			$2334 56

Cr.

1902.			
Dec. 19.	By cash, invested in yearly ground rent of $100 on Premises 5121 Aspen Street	$2000 00	
	Balance on hand	334 56	
			$2334 56

The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted by
William H. Staake, *Treasurer.*

October 12, 1903.

The report of the Church Book Committee was made the order of business for Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to nominate members for all the standing committees and official visitors to other bodies.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 13, 9 *A. M.*

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., of the Pittsburg Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., of the Augustana Synod, presided during a part of the session.

The Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on the Unification of Missions, which was considered and in its place the substitute offered by the Rev. H. A. Weller was adopted, as it appears in connection with the action on the report of the Board of English Home Missions, in the fourth session. The Rev. Dr. Krotel's resolution, commending the work of the Board, was adopted at this session, and appears in the same connection.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, chairman of the committee, presented the following

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Church Book asks leave to report to the General Council:

I. That under what was accepted and approved by the Council at the meeting at Lima, Ohio, (English Minutes, p. 145), your committee has had no occasion to do anything in its separate capacity as appointees of this body.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the intermediate size edition of the German Church Book has been completed and published. It is by general consent the most beautiful and handy edition of the German Church Book which has thus far appeared. The hymns are printed in lines; at the request of the Iowa Synod the new orthography has been introduced. In the arrangement of the liturgical material for Matin and Vesper Services a slight alteration, and we believe, a real improvement has been made by inserting the Invitatories, Antiphones, Versicles and Responsories for the Festival seasons of the Church Year immediately after the Epistles and Gospels of the respective festivals.

A new set of plates for the large size edition of the German Church Book has been prepared, which corresponds in all its arrangements and details, down to the number of pages to the intermediate size edition. The reading of the plate proofs is not yet quite finished, but the edition will be ready for sale in a few weeks.

II. That according to directions of the Council, your committee has co-operated with the joint committee of the general bodies in the preparation of Common Orders for Ministerial Acts, and a Common Hymnal. Five meetings of the joint committee of authorized representatives of the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod of the South were held during the last

biennium. At the one last held, it was resolved to make an official statement by the joint committee to the general bodies thus co-operating in this work, which statement is in print for distribution, and is in the following words:

"This committee was instructed by the bodies appointing it to confer and co-oprate in the preparation of a book containing the Common Service, Ministerial Acts, and a Hymnal. It was instructed also to complete the revision of the translation of Luther's Small Catechism. The translation having been completed and approved by the three bodies, the Committee turned its attention to the preparation of the Ministerial Acts and a Hymnal. Whereever historical precedents exist due consideration has been given them, and where none exist respect has been paid to the usage of the churches. Orders for Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Confession, and Dedication of Churches have been prepared in part, but the committee is not yet able to make a final report. The manuscript of the Hymn Book, however, has been completed, and a synopsis and index of it are herewith submitted, with a statement of the principles which have governed its preparation and of the sources from which it has been derived. Your committee does not ask for your final approval of the Hymn Book, but has submitted it at this time because the committee of the United Synod has urgently asked permission to print it for the use of the churches of that body. Unable to grant this request, the joint committee hereby reports it to the general bodies with its approval.

E. J. Wolf, *Chairman,*
Edward T. Horn, *Secretary,*
For the Joint Committee.

"Philadelphia, April 22, 1903."

This report was presented to the General Synod at its recent meeting in Baltimore, and the same was adopted, including consent to the request of the United Synod of the South respecting the printing of the Hymnal; adding, however, that "it is not exexpected that these books will, in the immediate future, displace the ones now in use."

It is for the General Council to say whether it gives its consent and permission to the United Synod to have the Hymnal printed as requested and proposed. Your committee recommends that

consent be given, but with the understanding that this does not commit the General Council to this book.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. SEISS.

Chairman of Church Book Committee.

The report was received, considered, amended and adopted as a whole, as it here appears.

The following was received from the Synod of Nova Scotia:

A MEMORIAL.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, Greeting:

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the E. L. Synod of N. S. at its recent convention in Lunenburg, N. S., we, the executive officers of said Synod, do hereby petition your honorable body to authorize its Publication Board to issue an edition of the Church Book with such changes in the prayers as will render them suitable for use in the British possessions.

JACOB MAURER, *President.*
W. M. WEAVER, *Secretary.*
CHARLES GURNEY BECK, *Treas.*

This memorial of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia was referred to the Church Book Committee.

REPORTS OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO OTHER BODIES.

The Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

I attended the last convention of the United Synod, at Charleston, S. C., in the spring of 1902. I was received with great cordiality and ready appreciation of the peculiar mission of the General Council. The United Synod is carrying on a successful mission in Japan, and is accomplishing great results with small means in the field of Home Missions. There was evidence at this convention of progress towards a complete union of the synods of the South on a thoroughly Lutheran basis. The United Synod takes a lively interest in the co-operation of the General Bodies using the English language, and especially desires the completion and early publication of the Common Hymnal. Rev. Dr. R. C. Holland was appointed to represent the United Synod in this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HORN.

The Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITOR TO GENERAL SYNOD.

As the official visitor of the General Council to the General Synod, held in Baltimore, June 3-11, 1903, I was present, and presented the greetings of this body. My reception was entirely cordial, and I was heard in a spirit clearly evincing warm and genuine interest. Your visitor was most favorably impressed with the activity characterizing the General Synod in its large and growing work; and not less with the excellent organization of the various Boards by which that work is carried forward. This division of our own Lutheran Church of this country is with us committed to the defence of the common faith of our Fathers, as against a spurious Protestantism. Certain important action concerning this body was taken, which will be brought to your attention by the proper committees.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Repass.

The Rev. A. Bergin, B.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITOR TO ICELANDIC SYNOD.

The undersigned, who was appointed official visitor from the General Council to Hins Evangeliska Luterska Kirkjufelags Islendinga i Vesturheimi, respectfully reports:

1. That the synod met at Gardar, N. Dak., June 21-26, 1902, and that he attended this convention; that he was granted the privilege of the floor, and presented the friendly greetings and good wishes of the General Council to this Synod; and that he was officially and otherwise awarded every attention and respect that could be shown.

2. That he did what he could to publicly and privately hold forth the benefits that would come from membership in the General Council, that he emphasized the need of co-operation and unification within our Lutheran Church, and that it is not the object of the General Council to destroy or obliterate the different Church bodies within its fold; but to aid in upbuilding and strengthening our whole Church and every part thereof.

3. That he was officially and publicly assured by the President of the good will of the Synod, and its great regard for and good feelings toward the Council.

4. That though small as to the number of members, the Synod is doing the work of the Lord with zeal and success. The membership of this convention was 46. The Synod has 34 congregations; 16 in the United States and 18 in Canada; 8 ordained ministers, 3692 communicant members, and 6040 baptized members. The Church property is valued at $40,975. It has

good Sunday-schools, a Luther League, a well-edited Church paper named Sameiningin, and a Sunday-school paper named Kennarin. It also supports a professor in Icelandish in a Winnipeg College. The President of the Synod is the Rev. Jón Bjarnason, of Winnipeg; Vice-president, the Rev. Frederik J. Bergman, of Gardar, N. D.; Secretary, the Rev. Björn B. Jónsson, of Minneota, Minn.; Assistant Secretary, the Rev. Runolfur Marteinsson, Gimli, Man., and Treasurer, Jón A. Blöndahl.

5. That there is hope of their joining our Council, and that no delegate to the General Council was appointed, as that will be done at the next convention at Argyle, Man., in June, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

ALF. BERGIN.

The Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISITOR TO UNITED DANISH CHURCH.

At the last convention of this Council I had the honor of being appointed Visitor to the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and was very anxious to be present at the meeting of that body, but, to my great regret, found it impossible to do so, because it convened at the same time as my own Synod. I notified my alternate, and he also was unable to be present. But I addressed that body in a letter in their own language, greeting them cordially in the name of this Council, expressing our appreciation of their great work among the Danes in this country, and our desire for a fuller acquaintance and closer relations with them, as we are parts of our great Lutheran Church in the New World, holding the same pure faith.

EDMUND BELFOUR.

The report of the Committee on Supplementary Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented at this session and finally disposed of in the eighth session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. M. C. Horine, D.D., of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 13, 2 *P. M.*

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., of the Pittsburg Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Supplementary Statement, pending at the time of adjournment, was resumed, and, after having been amended, was adopted, as it appears in connection with that report.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth presented the following report, which was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the fourth Conference of Evangelical Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States was held on January 6 and 7, 1903, in the Motherhouse of the General Synod, in Baltimore, Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D., pastor. Only three Motherhouses, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Baltimore, were represented. Letters were read from the institutions in Brooklyn, Chicago, Omaha and Minneapolis, explaining the circumstances that made it impossible to send delegates, and wishing God's blessing upon the Conference. The old officers of the General Conference were re-elected, Dr. A. Spaeth, President; Dr. F. P. Manhart, English Secretary; Rev. Carl Goedel, German Secretary.

The following subjects were presented for discussion:

1. The relation of a deaconess at work in an out-station to her Motherhouse and its rector, and to the congregation or institution and the pastor where she works. (Dr. A. Spaeth.)

2. The aim and limits of deaconess work in hospitals. (Rev. Hermann L. Fritschel.)

3. Christian liberty in the Motherhouse. (Rev. Carl Goedel.) In the discussion of this topic a general desire was manifested to have Luther's treatise on the Liberty of the Christian published in a convenient form, so that all of our deaconesses could have it.

4. The special training of the parish sisters. (F. P. Manhart, D.D.)

The next meeting of the General Conference is to be held in the spring of 1904 at the Philadelphia Motherhouse.

The present statistics of our Lutheran Motherhouses are as follows:

	DEACONESSES.	PROBATIONERS.	TOTAL.
Philadelphia	49	27	76
Milwaukee	9	18	27
Baltimore	16	9	25
Minneapolis	19	8	27
Brooklyn	7	7	14
Chicago	4	14	18
Omaha	17	10	27
	121	93	214

Besides there are about thirty candidates in the preparatory course of instruction.

These numbers show without any comment how very slow the progress of this important and blessed work has thus far been in our Lutheran Church of this country, and how necessary it is that our Synods and pastors should, more urgently than ever, lay it on the hearts of our Christian women to give themselves up to this work in the Lord's vineyard.

Next Thursday, October 15th, the anniversary of the Philadelphia Motherhouse will be celebrated, and the chairman of your committee is authorized and instructed by the Board of Trustees to extend a cordial invitation to the members of the General Council to spend the day in that Motherhouse. It is hoped that particularly those from a distance who have never had an opportunity to see the Philadelphia Motherhouse with its excellent equipment will avail themselves of this invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH, *Chairman.*

Norristown, October 8, 1903.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Your representative to arrange for the holding of a General Conference with representatives of other Lutheran bodies, respectfully reports that such conference was held in the city of Philadelphia during the week after Easter, 1902, the General Synod and United Synod of the South having representatives with those from this body. The sessions lasted for three days, and were well attended, deep interest being manifest from the beginning to the close of the sessions. The discussions were candid and earnest, and covered more than one subject on which there had been bitter controversy in former years.

Very marked differences appeared in their considerations; but, as in a preceding conference, they crossed the lines dividing the general bodies. There was no question presented—and it is doubtful whether any could be found—in which there was an array of all the representatives of any of these bodies, against all those of any other body. Wherever individual opinions were ex-

pressed inconsistent with the teaching of this General Council the answer to them was always ready from other representatives of the same body. Nor was the presentation from our own side always harmonious.

The Conferences have been of very decided service: 1. They have evoked a definition of theological position from various sides. 2. They have enabled those hitherto dissociated to learn to know each other.

While it is true they have settled nothing, they have afforded opportunities for earnest testimony and defence of the truth that cannot be without ultimate result, and have enabled those in attendance to reach a fairer and more discriminating judgment concerning those with whom they have not been associated. At the very beginning of the last general conference your representative on the committee of arrangements stated and explained the fundamental principles of faith set forth by the General Council, as he understands them, to the apparent satisfaction and with what seemed to be almost the general approbation of all present. We insisted that the acceptance of all the doctrines confessed in the Augsburg Confession in the historical sense, in which they are there expressed, of itself substantiated the claim to the name "Lutheran," even where there might not be a formal recognition of other confessions; and that other confessions are acknowledged by this General Council only because of historical conditions that rendered them important for the definition of the faith contained in the Augsburg Confession.

The papers already read in previous conferences, and that have been only very lightly discussed, would form an excellent basis for discussions at future conferences. It is scarcely to be expected that papers hereafter to be presented will do more than restate what has already been set forth in those that have preceded. The difficulty in securing the publication of the papers and proceedings of the last conference indicates, we believe, that the main interest of the Church is in the discussion instead of in elaborate papers.

There is a reluctance, which is not without reason, to enter upon the discussion of the Augsburg Confession itself, article by article, as it might seem to imply that the sincerity of the subscription on the one side or the other was called into doubt. It seems better, therefore, to your representative that the same end be

reached by a restatement or repetition of the chief doctrines of the faith, with especial reference to current discussions, and the experience of our Lutheran Church in America. We venture, therefore, to offer a number of propositions, not for adoption by this General Council, but for it to offer for criticism and discussion, should another general conference be held, that thereby some agreement may be reached as to how far the bodies represented regard the statement herein presented as in harmony with the Augsburg Confession, and in accord with their own faith and confession. These propositions are as follows:

Twenty Propositions.

I. We believe, teach and confess that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are an inerrant and infallible record of God's saving revelation to man; the Old Testament in its primary and constantly progressive form through Law and prophecy and history; and the New Testament, by the completeness of this revelation in Jesus Christ, and through the more abundant gift of the Holy Spirit, as the Great Teacher, Recorder and Interpreter of the words and works of the Incarnate and Ascended Christ. Outside of and beyond the Holy Scriptures we neither recognize nor allow any claims to any professed revelation of religious truths; whether these claims come from the organized Church, or from an assumed higher gift of the Holy Spirit, or from any communications whatever with the spiritual world. The Holy Scriptures, we further teach, are to be interpreted, as a whole, with the New Testament as the key to the Old, and the doctrine of Christ within the New as the sum and substance and explanation of all else that it contains; and also that they are a clear and sufficient guide to faith and life, and the only rule and standard, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

II. We hold that Confessions of Faith are not authoritative statements of revealed truth, but that their office is merely to declare the sense in which a particular church organization believes and confesses such truth. The Confessions of the Lutheran Church, which we accept and revere, are decisive not of the truth of the doctrine taught, but of what is the teaching of the community of Christians known as Lutherans on each particular topic. We hold the Augsburg Confession to be true, not because the Lutheran Church of any time or place has formulated or endorsed it, but be-

cause we ourselves have tested it according to the Holy Scriptures, and are convinced that it is a correct summary of Scriptural truth.

We believe, teach and confess further, that it is not subscription to a confession of faith, but that it is the hearty acceptance of the faith embodied in the confession, even apart from and without its formal subscription, that introduces one into the unity of the faith, and entitles him to the name distinctive of its confessors.

III. We believe, teach and confess that God has had His children and witnesses in all ages of the world, and that a true church, i. e., a community of true believers, has existed from the days of Christ until now, of whose faith and confession, as tested and approved by the ever indispensable rule of Holy Scripture, those who follow until the end of time, are the true heirs and successors. We, therefore, confess and acknowledge the Oecumenical Creeds, viz: the Apostles', the Nicene and the Athanasian, as correct exhibitions of Scriptural truth upon certain topics that had been involved in earnest discussion in the first period of the Church.

IV. We hold and teach the doctrine of the Holy Trinity contained in these venerable symbols as a correct deduction from Holy Scripture and fundamental to the Christian faith.

V. We hold and teach the entire corruption of human nature by sin, the transmission of natural depravity from parent to child, the accountability of all the children of men for their failure, whether in state or act, to comply with the inflexible standard of the Divine Law, the wrath of God and the eternal punishment for all those who remain in the state of hostility to God in which they are born, and the total inability of man, by his native powers, to return to God or to respond to God's call to repent.

VI. We teach the gracious will of God towards fallen men anticipating man's fall and even his creation, whereby from all eternity he devised a plan of salvation, to be executed in time, and through which He always knew and loved those who, from our sinful race, were to be saved. Men are saved entirely through and because of the provisions of this gracious plan. Those not saved are lost through no defects of this plan, or lack of divine provision for their recovery, but solely because of their own sin and unbelief.

VII. That in the fullness of time, the Son of God, the second person of the adorable Trinity, coequal and coeternal with the Father, became man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, not by the conversion of the divine nature into the human, but by the divine person taking to Himself a human nature, in addition to His unchanged and unchangeable divine nature, so that the divine person was born, suffered, died, rose again, and ascended into heaven, according to His human nature, in which human nature, by His vicarious sufferings and death, He bore the sins of the whole world, in order thereby to reconcile man and God, and by His meritorious fulfilment of all the demands of the Law, provided an infinite and eternal righteousness and rewards in heaven for the people whom He purchased with His blood.

VIII. That, in order that the benefits procured for fallen men by Christ may become theirs, the Holy Spirit has been given, in increased measure, since the ascension of the Son of God to the right hand of the Father; and that He is ever present and efficacious, in and through the Means of Grace, i. e., wherever the Word of God is preached in its purity, and the sacraments are administered according to their institution. Nor outside of and without such Means of Grace do we have any promise of the saving presence and activity of the Holy Spirit.

IX. That, through this presence and activity of the Holy Spirit, in and through the word of the Gospel, declared in the read and preached Word, and applied to the individual and sealed with a visible element in the sacraments, men are justified or made righteous before God, are forgiven their sins, enjoy God's favor, and have ascribed to them all the merits of the perfect obedience of Christ; and that this righteousness or justification becomes theirs, not on account of, but through faith, taking to oneself God's gracious promise in that, and surrendering self to God in Christ as his own in life and in death.

X. That the inseparable accompaniment and result of justification is love to God and man and a life of obedience to God's law; and that while, in this world, this obedience is never perfect, nor in any way approaches the standard which God has set, those who are justified never sin knowingly or willingly, but daily lament their failures to do God's will, and earnestly strive for an ever higher degree of holiness, in thought and act, and more unreserved consecration to the service of God and their fellow-men.

XI. That the sacraments have been instituted to encourage, awaken and strengthen this faith, as direct and personal assurances, offered to each one individually, of God's gracious will as to the forgiveness of his sins, and his life and salvation.

XII. That the sacrament of Holy Baptism is to be administered to children as well as adults, that the Holy Spirit is present and exerts his regenerating and saving grace wherever such ordinance is administered according to its institution; and that children thus baptized truly are forgiven their sins, enjoy God's favor and blessing, and are endowed with the beginnings of a new and spiritual life.

XIII. That in the sacrament of the Holy Supper the true body and blood of Christ are present not typically or spiritually, but really and substantially, in a heavenly and inexplicable manner, and are received and partaken of, in and with the bread and wine, by each communicant, to the condemnation of the unbelieving, but as a pledge to each believing recipient, that the words "Given and shed for thee," and with them, all the blessings of redemption actually belong to him.

That, in order that the blessing connected with the sacrament of the Holy Supper may be apprehended in the highest degree, it should be received only by those who seriously and earnestly reflect upon themselves, and recognize their lost condition apart from the grace of God, and their sinfulness and feebleness even with this grace sustaining them. A personal application to the conscience of conviction of sin wrought by the Holy Spirit through the law, should precede the personal application of the word of forgiveness assured in the distribution of the Holy Supper.

XIV. That the Church is the assembly of the believing children of God, scattered throughout many lands and in diverse ages of this world, and of perfectly sanctified souls in heaven. The organized Church or the divinely established institution for the administration of the Means of Grace is dependent upon no external organization or succession, but rests solely upon the promise that Christ is wherever two or three are gathered in his name. Wherever the Word of God is purely preached, and the sacraments are administered according to the Scriptural prescription, the Church exists both as an institution and as an assembly of believers; for although there are many professing the faith of the

Gospel who are not true disciples of Christ, nevertheless God's Word is never without saving fruit.

We hold further that the Church has no power except as it teaches and applies the Word of God. It cannot add anything to the doctrines or commands of Holy Scripture or subtract anything from them.

XV. We believe, teach and confess that, under the New Testament, there are but two priesthoods, the one that of the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and is our only Mediator at the throne of grace; and the other that of every believing child of God, who, without any other mediator or intercessor than Jesus Christ, approaches and communes with God immediately and directly, the Holy Spirit prompting his prayers and aiding his infirmities. And that this priesthood of believers is exercised, not only in private acts of devotion, but in the united worship of the Christian family, and especially in the public assemblies of Christians, where, when the Word of God is heard, the sacrifices of prayer, praise and thanksgiving are rendered by the congregation of priests, i. e., of believing men and women and children.

XVI. That in order that the Word of God may be preached and heard, the sacraments received and the prayers of God's people be led in an order and manner that may promote edification, the office of the ministry has been instituted. This office is committed to those called by congregations of Christian people, to act as their representatives in preaching the Word and administering the sacraments which have been entrusted by Christ to His Church, and in appearing before God not as mediators or intercessors, but solely as the leaders or voices of the people in their common worship.

XVII. That in the preaching of the Word both Law and Gospel are to be urged, each in its proper place and proportion, and the distinction between Law and Gospel to be most accurately observed. The Law is to be proclaimed in all its extent, as exhibited in its spiritual requirements described in the Sermon on the Mount, as God's inflexible and immutable standard of right and wrong, from the rigidity of whose demands the Gospel makes no abatement, but only offers the righteousness of Christ as the complete fulfilment of its demands. The Gospel is to be proclaimed as the gratuitous promise of the forgiveness of sins for

Christ's sake, i. e., for the sake of that righteousness which Christ has preserved by His obedience and sufferings. The Law is to be taught not only to convict of sin and excite the desire for its forgiveness, but it abides forever a rule of life for the regenerate and justified. But in such preaching, men must constantly be warned against elevating the prescriptions and inferences of men to the rank of divine commands and prohibitions. Nor must the Gospel ever be preached in such wise as to convert it into a new law, and Christ into nothing more than a new lawgiver.

XVIII. That in regard to church rites and church government we confess with our fathers that "the Church of God of every time and place, has the fullest power, according to circumstances, to change, abrogate and appoint anything, provided it be done without levity and offence, becomingly and in good order, and that, at each particular time, regard be had to that which, to the greatest extent, promotes good order, godly discipline and the edification of the Church." "Nor should any Church condemn another, because one has less or more external ceremonies not commanded by God than the other, provided otherwise there is agreement among them in doctrine and in the right use of the sacraments."

XIX. That the various congregations in America confessing the Lutheran faith and having arisen from successive emigrations of Lutheran people from diverse lands and districts in Europe, and developed under diverse historical relations and conditions, find their unity, not in any organization or organizations into which they may be grouped, or in the use of the same external rites and ceremonies; but solely in their common faith and confession and in their uncorrupted use of the same Word and sacraments.

Nevertheless a certain degree of harmony in the use of the same Orders of Service, the adoption of the same customs and marks of their distinctive confession, and their organic union into a comprehensive general organization, may greatly contribute to the attainment of their divinely appointed mission, provided such uniformity be regarded in its proper place only as the servant of the Lutheran faith and confession.

XX. That concerning the last things we teach the immortality of the soul; the unalterable state of both the godly and the wicked after death, the former in bliss, the latter in misery; the literal

resurrection and restoration of the body, and the judgment of the world at the second coming of Christ.

Some such summary as the foregoing would form an edifying basis for earnest, thorough, candid discussion in the spirit of Christian love, which rejoices more in the detection and establishment of points of agreement where differences were believed to have prevailed than of differences where an agreement was presupposed. In such discussion it must also be remembered that entire Church Bodies are not to be held responsible for the abberations of individual teachers, which have not been recognized or officially endorsed by the body to which they belong; but just as we demand in the Principles of Church Polity: "The official record is to be accepted as evidence of the doctrinal position of each Synod, and for the principles for which alone the other Synods become responsible by connection with it;" and as consequently we are unwilling to be held accountable for occasional errors, contrary to our accepted and approved teaching that may be found among our own pastors and synods, so also we must apply the same rule to others.

In making this proposition, however, we in no way mean to relax the firmness of our adherence to our confession, or in an age of extraordinary liberalism and scepticism, which, under the guise of religion, undermines and denies the very foundations of the faith, to depreciate the importance of the confessional tests. But our sole object is that those who actually at heart have the same faith may recognize each other as such, and former dissensions being removed may unite in their common testimony against the new forms of error assailing the Church, and which have most extensively affected it in the land of the fathers of the Lutheran Church, and in the schools and universities associated in former years with the noblest testimonies of our Lutheran faith.

We must guard not simply against errors prevalent in America, but against those in danger of being imported into our congregations and synods from Germany and Scandinavia.

The conferences of 1899 and 1902, it must be remembered, grew out of our co-operation with the General Synod and United Synod of the South in general important practical movements. The persons they brought together were almost entirely pastors, professors and laymen from the congregations that a hundred

years or more ago all belonged to one Synod, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States. They dealt almost exclusively with issues that have agitated this people of common stock, and longest presence in America. For this reason, they have been held in the East. Their transfer to the West would largely exclude the United Synod of the South, and change the entire scope of their influence.

The thanks of this General Council are due to the committee to procure funds for the needed expenses, which discharged its duty most promptly and efficiently, and procured the funds, largely we believe, from the members of the committee themselves.

We recommend that this body unite with the General Synod and United Synod of the South in holding another general conference; and that a representative of this body be appointed on the committee of arrangements with instructions to ask for consideration of the twenty propositions above enumerated as a leading feature of said conference.

We recommend also that a committee of laymen to procure funds for the necessary expenses of said conference be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS,

Representative of General Council on Joint Committee on General Conference.

The report was received and the recommendations of the committee adopted. In connection with his report, the Rev. Dr. Jacobs read "Twenty Propositions" on heads of doctrine which, without being discussed, were ordered to be printed in connection with the report.

The Rev. J. G. Neiffer, D.D., was called to the chair, while President Schmauk addressed the Council on the subject of the General Conference. On motion of the Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, seconded by the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that our representative on the Committee on General Conference request that the next General Conference be held either at Pittsburg, Buffalo, or at some point farther west.

The report was adopted as a whole. On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to publish the Propositions presented by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs in connection with his re-

port on the General Conference, without, however, adopting the "Twenty Propositions" as an official declaration of the Council.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the committee of laymen who provided the funds for the last General Conference.

The President was instructed to appoint the Committee on General Conference. On motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., was appointed the representative of the General Council on the committee. And on motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, President Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., was appointed the alternate.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, it was

Resolved, That one-half of the expenses of the delegate of the Pacific Synod in coming to this convention, be paid by this body.

The Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk, chairman of the committee, presented the following report, which was received, considered item by item, the recommendations of the committee adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

During the past two years the General Council Graded System of training and instruction has taken a firmer hold upon the schools of our congregations; and many of our best Sunday-schools are now engaged in transforming their organizations from an ungraded to a graded basis. In the City of Philadelphia alone during this summer and fall a large number of schools will change to the graded system.

The committee wishes to direct attention to the fact that in this system the General Council possesses the most complete apparatus for religious education in the American parish school that has appeared in the English or any other language. Nor is there so complete a parochial school apparatus in the German parochial schools of our Lutheran Church.

The greater bulk of the work of your committee during the last two years has been devoted to the Primary Department, with the result, as we believe, that we now can offer a six years' course of

religious instruction and training for young children whose superior cannot be found. With the coming Advent season our old Primary Teacher will expand into three separate publications: "In Wonderland," "In Workland," and "In Pictureland," intended for the three separate grades of the Primary Department. These three teachers' publications will be perfected in their methods and material from year to year, until finally they will be published as standard text books for permanent use in their part of the course.

During the past year great progress has been made in the matter of co-operation in Sunday-school work with the General Synod and the United Synod South. The United Synod South is anxious that one common system of sound Lutheran instruction obtain in use throughout all the schools of the Church; and a very large part of the General Synod is most desirous that the General Council and the General Synod co-operate in the matter of graded Sunday-school work. A series of meetings by representatives from the various committees and publication boards of the general bodies has been held with this end in view, and the outlook for co-operation of these general bodies in common Lutheran primary work is promising.

The first subject thus taken up jointly by the representatives of the three bodies was that of a common paper, in the issues of which all the bodies shall unite, but with separate editorial and business control preserved by each body over its own field.

The second matter taken up is that of a series of joint picture charts with common lesson texts, the same to be a two years' course of 104 subjects, to be executed in the best style of pictorial art and to form a permanent standard series for primary instruction. These picture charts will be used by General Council schools in the Junior Division. Not only the General Synod, the United Synod South, and the General Council committee and board, but also those of the Joint Synod of Ohio, have agreed to co-operate in the production and sale of these charts and it now seems as if this were only the first step toward a complete co-operation on the part of these bodies throughout the range of primary work.

In a few weeks the General Council system will add two further grades of Primary instruction, thus completing its primary system as follows:

Instead of beginning the Church's school work with the "Cradle Roll" as is done by so many denominations, the General Council will begin its instruction of the young in a truly Lutheran manner. The "Cradle Roll," as its name indicates, is a purely external way of enrolling the children of the school. The General Council system, on the other hand, in providing for the Church's training of the child during the period of infancy, will begin its care of the child with the point of Holy Baptism, the real period when the child first comes under the care of the Church, and is planted into it, not through the medium of a mere external "Roll," but by the Sacrament instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beginning thus with Holy Baptism, the training of the child from the period of infancy to the dawn of speech is to be cared for through the use of a pamphlet entitled "In Mother's Arms." From the period of the dawn of speech to the age when the child can be brought to the Kindergarten of the Church, that is, from two to four years of age, the training of the child is to be cared for through a publication entitled "At Mother's Knee." The school of the Church is the instrumentality through which the mothers and the children are to be reached by this new apparatus. Thus the school of the Church will start this work of school training and instruction with the baptism of the child and continue it through life.

The two other general bodies of the Lutheran Church will cooperate with us in this first step of graded work.

The committee also proposes to begin at this stage, through the instrumentality of the mothers, the actual training of the child in the Christian virtues and character, including the duty of prayer and the grace of giving.

It is a satisfaction to know that the text books published by the General Council have gained a reputation in unexpected parts of the Christian Church for their adaptation to the needs of the scholar and for their trustworthiness. Yet as the first set of text books have been written for the intelligent student rather than for the merely average scholar, the committee proposes, when this step becomes financially possible, to provide more elementary text books in certain of the grades, so that the average class, no less than the studious class, may have that which they can use to the best advantage.

It is hoped that the first quarter of the new text book Bible Readings will be ready by Advent. The committee reports progress on the matter of preparing the Graded Sunday-school constitution.

German Sunday-school Work.

The committee is still offering Bible Story in German text book form together with the German Scripture quarterlies, which, we believe, are giving general satisfaction. In accordance with the report of two years ago it was the intention of the committee to accede to requests from German schools and prepare a Biblical History in the German language which would be a higher grade text book than the Bible Story and which would combine the elements of the English Bible History, Bible Geography, Bible Biography and Bible Teachings. The committee is dependent upon the German writers of the General Council for this work, and after long waiting at last has some hope of securing a competent person who will take up the work during the coming year.

Swedish Sunday-school Work.

We rejoice to say that the Sunday-school Literature Committee of the Augustana Book Concern "purposes to publish text books in the Swedish language that may be used alongside of the General Council text books, and vice versa. This step will, therefore, undoubtedly create a wide demand for the General Council text books in the Sunday-schools of the Augustana Synod."

The Harper Movement of Religious Education.

The committee desires to bear testimony that it is entirely out of sympathy with this movement, whose object it believes to be to gain a hold and power in the religious education of the youth of our land for the purpose of training it up in a rationalistic form of faith and morals (and with a view to ultimately increase the educational influence of the Chicago University). It believes it to be its duty to warn pastors and teachers of the Lutheran Church at large and particularly in the General Council against this covert attempt to throw the training of the young into the channels that will carry it from an Evangelical to a rationalistic foundation.

Mrs. Weiskotten's German Paper.

Nothing has been done as yet in the purchase of this paper.

Request to Sunday-schools.

The committee requests all the schools in the General Council to make an earnest attempt at grading their instruction in accordance with the system adopted by the General Council. They ask the schools in particular to make an effort to use the lesson courses of the Primary Department. The committee is surprised to find that persons who claim to be special students in the line of the training of children according to sound Lutheran principles have shown only a superficial acquaintance with our system and at times a total ignorance of the same.

The committee has taken no favorable action on the request to divide lesson quarterlies into monthly leaves; it favors the use of text books rather than of quarterlies.

The committee desires to thank its large number of fellow laborers in its work.

Continuation of General Council Apparatus.

In conclusion the committee recommends the following:

1. *Resolved,* That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use; and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts at the same times as heretofore to the committee for expenses, as already provided for by the Council in past years.

2. *Resolved,* That the action of the Council, authorizing the committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Board will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

3. *Resolved,* That the action of the Council two years ago, giving the committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be reaffirmed.

4. *Resolved,* That a Sunday-school Constitution for Graded Schools of the Council be prepared and published.

5. *Resolved,* That the committee be authorized to prepare, and in conjunction with the Board of Publication to issue a Common System of Lutheran Lessons for the Primary Department.

6. *Resolved,* That the committee and the Board of Publication be authorized to unite with proper representatives of other Lutheran bodies in this work, in so far as may be found practicable, and as there can be amicable agreement.

7. *Resolved,* That approval of the issue of a joint Sunday-school paper be reaffirmed, and that the committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other bodies in issuing such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

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G. W. SANDT,
G. C. F. HAAS,
G. W. MECHLING,
D. H. GEISSINGER,
W. K. FRICK,
W. L. HUNTON,
C. W. FOSS.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth presented the following report, which was received, considered item by item, the recommendations of the committee adopted, and the report adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE LUTHERAN GENERAL CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

At the last convention of the General Council on motion of the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., it was resolved that a committee be appointed on our relations to the Lutheran General Conference (Eng. Min., p. 173). The undersigned committee, appointed by the President after the adjournment of the convention at Lima, beg leave to submit the following:

A. History and Formation of the General Conference.

A few months after the General Council's first convention at Fort Wayne, Ind., a number of prominent Lutherans in Germany, among them v. Zezschwitz, Luthardt, Kliefoth, Philippi, Diekhoff, Uhlhorn, held a preliminary meeting in Hannover, October 30th and 31st, 1867. It was agreed that an effort should be made to effect a closer union among the members of the Lutheran Churches throughout Germany by means of large public meetings of clergymen and laymen. A few fundamental articles were laid down, and a committee was elected with authority to issue a fraternal address and call the first meeting at a convenient time and place. The fundamental articles on which the General Conference rests are very few and simple, consisting of only five paragraphs.

The confessions of the Lutheran Church are acknowledged as the basis for the Conference and the rule for all its transactions. Every Lutheran who accepts them is entitled to active participation. In order to give permanency to the organization, a smaller conference of eight representative men from all parts of Germany was formed, and they elected an Executive Committee of nine, charged with the full management of all its affairs.

Ten meetings have thus far been held, all in Germany, with the exception of the last one, which took place at Lund, Sweden, in 1901. Thus, while the beginnings of the Conference were of a local, exclusively German character, we find that its horizon has gradually expanded. It has manifested a growing interest in the sister churches abroad, particularly in Sweden and in America. It has become more and more acquainted with the peculiar position and the work of our General Council for which the warmest sympathies have been awakened.

B. The General Conference and the General Council.

Soon after the first meeting of the General Conference in Hannover (July, 1868), a communication was transmitted to the Conference from the General Council, signed by its President, Dr. C. W. Schaeffer, to which the Conference, through its President, Dr. Harless, sent a hearty response. (See Eng. Minutes, Gen. Council, 1871, pp. 43, 44.) At the second convention of the General Conference, held in Leipzig, June, 1870, Dr. Sigmund Fritschel appeared as the representative of the General Council. He asked the sympathies of the Conference for the great German Mission work in the West, for the confessional position taken by the General Council, and for the English Lutheran Church, which was now being developed on the basis of our pure confession. At the third meeting of the General Conference (Nuernberg, June, 1879) Dr. Ruperti presided, who, during his New York pastorate had been a prominent member of the General Council. He also read a paper "On the Organization of the Work of the Church, Especially with Reference to the Spiritual Welfare of the Emigrants." He insisted that the Conference should become something more than a meeting for fraternal theological discussion, that a common field of practical church work should unite its members. Such a field would be pre-eminently the mission work among the emigrants. The importance and dimensions of

immigration and the work of the Lutheran Church in America were described in the most impressive and stirring language. The fifth Conference (Hamburg, October, 1887) was attended by the President of the General Council, Dr. A. Spaeth, who had been delegated by the convention in Greenville, Pa. His address on the Lutheran Church in America met with cordial responses from the President of the Conference, Dr. Kliefoth, and Professor Luthardt, who said the time had come to reach out beyond the territorial limits to which the Conference had thus far been confined, aiming at a "confederation of Lutheran Churches, not one of German Lutheran Churches." At the last, the tenth, convention of the General Conference (Lund, in Sweden, 1901) the General Council was represented by Dr. S. Laird, and by Dr. Abrahamson, of the Augustana Synod, who were most cordially received by the Conference.

Since the meeting in Lund the character and constitution of the Lutheran General Conference have undergone some important changes which were determined by the formal action of its Excutive Committees, in Leipzig, September 24, 1902.

In the first place the Lutheran General Conference has assumed a more representative character. In the so-called "Smaller Conference" (Engere Konferenz) which meets annually and transacts all the business of the body, delegates are admitted to represent such theological faculties, territorial church governments and voluntary associations for Foreign Missions, Inner Missions, the Ministry of Mercy (Diaconate), etc., as may join the Lutheran General Conference and contribute regularly to its expenses.

Again, the Lutheran General Conference has assumed a more international character, being no longer confined to the Lutherans of Germany. While its first President (at present Count Otto Vitzthum) is a German, its second President (at present Bishop von Scheele) is charged to see to the interests of Lutherans outside of Germany, and to him in particular the relations of the Lutheran General Conference to the Church in America are committed.

C. Action Proposed.

In view of these facts, as here presented, your committee respectfully recommends the following action:

Resolved, 1. That a standing committee be appointed on the relation between the General Council and the Lutheran General Conference.

2. That this committee be authorized, if it should be deemed advisable, to draw on the treasurer of the General Council for an annual contribution to the treasury of the Lutheran Conference, provided that to the General Council be granted one representative in the "Smaller Conference" (Engere Konferenz).

3. That the General Council deems it highly desirable that one of the meetings of the Lutheran General Conference in the near future—possibly in the year 1907—be held in America, making it a truly International Conference of Lutherans from the whole world.

4. That, in order to bring about such an International Conference in this country, the General Council's committee be empowered to invite the co-operation of prominent Lutherans from other bodies, thus forming, for this particular purpose, a larger Executive Committee, which would make the necessary preparations for such a gathering and assume all financial responsibilities.

5. That the General Council appoint one or more delegates to the next meeting of the Lutheran General Conference, to bear our salutations to the brethren in Europe, to assure them of our earnest desire that, if possible, their next meeting should be held in America, and to secure the attendance of prominent representative Lutherans from Europe.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

A. SPAETH, WILLIAM H. SAAKE
JOHN A. W. HAAS, SAMUEL LAIRD.
C. W. FOSS,

Norristown, Pa., Oct. 8, 1903.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth,

Resolved, That the delegate of the General Council to the annual meetings of the Lutheran General Conference in Europe be appointed by the Standing Committee on Lutheran General Conference and the President of the General Council.

By action of the Council, the Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., was appointed delegate to the next triennial meeting of the Conference.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL BY THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

With respect to matters laid before the General Council by the District Synods, the following is found in the Abstracts and Minutes which came into our hands:

1. The officers of the recently organized Nova Scotia Synod present the following request to this body:

"In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia, at its recent convention in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, we the Executive Officers of said Synod, do hereby petition your honorable body to authorize its Publication Board to issue an edition of the Church Book with such changes in the prayers as will render them suitable for use in the British possessions.

"JACOB MAURER, *President.*
"W. H. WEAVER, *Secretary,*
"CHARLES GURNEY ZECK, *Treasurer.*"

2. In the Minutes of the Chicago Synod for 1903 we find the following:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend that Synod request the General Council to prepare and publish forms for the dismissal of members, such forms to be supplied to congregations.

"We further recommend that the attention of the General Council be directed to the need of a form for reception of new members otherwise than by baptism and confirmation.

"*Resolved*, That we request Synod to petition the General Council to prepare an outline form of an official call of a congregation to a pastor."

The Pittsburg Synod also calls attention to the importance of an official Letter of Transfer and instructs the delegates to the General Council to bring the matter before this body. Said Synod also prepared a form of Letter of Transfer which is published in the minutes.

3. The Synod of Nova Scotia also calls the special attention of the General Council to the city of Halifax as an important center where English mission work should be begun.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee,
GEO. C. F. HAAS,
M. C. HORINE,
GEO. H. TRABERT.

The report was received and considered item by item.

Item 1, memorial of the Synod of Nova Scotia, was referred to the Church Book Committee.

Item 2, request of the Chicago and Pittsburg Synods was also referred to the Church Book Committee.

Item 3, referred to the Board of English Home Missions.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs presented a verbal report of the Committee on Co-operation with the General Synod, stating that during the last biennium nothing had come to the notice of the committee calling for action. The report was received.

The Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., presented the following report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, the recommendations of the committee adopted, and the report adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION.

Inasmuch as the practical work of the Lutheran Church in America in the spheres of Foreign and Home Missions; of theological, collegiate, and parish education is carried on by means of a series of parallel Boards, whose operations are largely on common territory and along similar lines;

And inasmuch as the General Bodies have declared the policy of co-operation without sacrifice of principles or interference with synodical identity as practicable, and have appointed the present Commission to consider and inquire into the whole subject and report on the same, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Boards of Foreign Missions of the General Bodies be instructed to hold an annual joint session for the discussion and consideration of all questions pertaining to their work, as may be regarded by them profitable.

2. That the Boards of Home Missions of the General Bodies be instructed to hold similar joint sessions.

3. That the Boards of Publication and the Sunday-school Committees be requested to confer in such manner as may seem to them most expedient concerning the possibilities of co-operation in the common issue of books, periodicals, Sunday-school literature, and the preparation of common statistical reports.

4. That the Faculties of the various Theological Seminaries be requested to arrange for meetings for the discussion of the interests which they serve and the promotion of a common understanding on all the subjects attainable.

5. That the Faculties of the various Colleges also be requested to hold similar meetings for conference.

6. That this Commission on practical co-operation be continued, with power to still more further the object for which it was created, and with the duty of making suggestions to the various Boards referred to in the foregoing recommendations of specific lines upon which co-operation may be effected.

7. That the joint meetings of the Boards, Faculties and Committees called together by the preceding recommendations be requested to report to this Commission the results of their conferences at least biennially not

later than the 1st of May in the years in which the biennial sessions of the General Bodies are held.

(Signed:) H. H. Geissinger,
T. E. Schmauk,
H. E. Jacobs,
J. Boyd Duff,
Wm. Hengerer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, it was

Resolved, That it is very desirable that the Life of Charles Porterfield Krauth, prepared by the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, be completed and published.

The Rev. Dr. Geissinger presented the report of the Committee on Report of the President, which was received, considered and adopted as it appears in connection with that report in the first session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. Fry, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 13, 7.30 *P. M.*

Prayer was offered by the Rev. S. Laird, D.D., of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

Since the last meeting of the General Council your committee held several meetings to discuss the subjects assignd to us and to make arrangements for convocations, as it was hitherto done in accordance with the instructions of the General Council. Twice the time and place for a convocation had been agreed upon, the subjects selected and suitable persons appointed to prepare papers; but every time through unforeseen difficulties the meetings had to be postponed. It is now hoped that within a few weeks after the adjournment of this convention the next convocation will be held in the city of Allentown, Pa.

Several sub-committees have been appointed to select and prepare for publication suitable music to be used by our choirs in the service of the congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Spaeth, *Chairman,*
C. A. Marks.

Norristown, October 8, 1903.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, Archivarius, presented a verbal report of the archives of the Council. The report was adopted.

The Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., was elected Archivarius.

On motion of the Rev. D. M. Kemerer it was

Resolved, That a complete file of the Ministers of the General Council and of the District Synods, as far as possible, be secured for permanent preservation.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz it was

Resolved, That the English Secretary of the Council be instructed to secure a complete file of the minutes of the General Council and have them bound for use at the conventions of this body.

The English Secretary called attention to several items of unfinished business. These were considered and action taken to dispose of them.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman it was

Resolved, That the Secretary shall apportion $1,800 among the Synods belonging to the General Council, on the basis of representation in the same for the purpose of providing for the general expenses of the Council.

The matter pertaining to uniformity in the use of the Catechism was again referred to the Church Book Committee.

On the matter pertaining to the "Little Children's Book" the Rev. Dr. S. A. Ziegenfuss reported as follows for the Board of Publication:

LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK.

With reference to Little Children's Book without music the Board of Publication has the honor to report that efforts were made to secure a sufficient order from the Sunday-schools to warrant us in publishing the book, words only, but the response was so meagre that the project has been abandoned.

The report was adopted.

The matter pertaining to the Summer School of Music was referred to the Committee on Church Music.

The Rev. Dr. Trabert's resolution, presented at the Lima convention and deferred to this convention, referring to the use of "the standard text" of the Luther's Small Catechism, was referred to the Church Book Committee.

The Council ordered the payment of the Secretary's expenses incurred for printing for this convention and in securing reduced railroad rates for delegates to the convention.

Committees of the Lutheran congregations of Norristown presented to the General Council a gavel which, according to the inscription on the block, is "a memento of Lutheranism and patriotism." The hammer and the block are made of wood taken from the Trappe and Valley Forge. The hammer proper is made of wood taken from the Trappe and the handle from a joist in the headquarters of Washington at Valley Forge. On a silver band around the gavel is the inscription "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, Norristown, Pa., 1903." The President accepted the gift with thanks and the Council passed the following resolution: *Resolved,* That the sincere thanks of the General Council be tendered to the committees that presented this gift, and that the articles be placed in the custody of the President.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The following abstracts of Minutes of the District Synods, as prepared by the Presidents of the respective synods, were received and are entered as a matter of record:

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held two annual meetings since the last meeting of the General Council; its 155th annual convention in St. John's Church, Easton, Pa., May 22-28, 1902, and its 156th annual convention, in St. Paul's (English) Church, Philadelphia, Pa., June 4-10, 1903.

Since the last convention of the General Council nine members of the Ministerium departed this life; twenty-five were honorably dismissed and three received certificates of membership to unite with other synods; ten were received from other Lutheran bodies, and twenty-five ordained to the office of the ministry.

The Ministerium numbered at its last meeting 355 ministers, 576 congregations, 129,839 confirmed members. Its accessions during the last year numbered 10,576, and losses 5,620. It has 48 teachers of parochial schools with 1,695 scholars. Its Sunday-schools number 533, with 9,300 officers and teachers, and 79,155 scholars.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Ministerium, June 4-10, 1903, show that during the synodical year ending June 3, 1903, the contributions were as follows: For congregational current expenses, $401,574.71, and special expenses, $279,799.62; $681.374.33.

Benevolent contributions for synodical purposes: General Beneficent Fund, $24,270.03; Theological Seminary, $757.93; Muhlenberg College, $9,793.44; Orphans' Homes, $14,812.72; Inner Missions, $1,110.70; General Council English Home Missions, $10,327.83; German Home Missions,

$2,617.35; Foreign Missions, $9,412.06; Porto Rico Missions, $1,205.89; Church Extension, $5,324.61. General: Gifts in goods, $82.92; other charitable purposes, $12,045.76. Total benevolent contributions, $91,761.24. Total contributions, $773,135.57.

During the same year 24 students were aided in preparing for the ministry at an expense of $2,986.41, and 55 missions located within the bounds of the Synod were sustained at an expense of $16,018.97.

The educational institutions of the Ministerium continued to prosper. Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., had in this scholastic year, 1902-03, in college classes 112 students and in the academic department 27, total 139. On Thursday, June 18, 1903, the cornerstone of the new Main Building was laid on the new college site. It will be 190 feet long and 62 feet deep, with a basement, and three stories in height, built of stone in the English Renaissance style of architecture. The cornerstone of the Dormitory, the front erection to be known as Berks Hall, was laid on October 1st, 1903. The general scheme of the proposed dormitories is to place them around a rectangle, 120 feet by 208 feet. They will be divided into sections holding from twelve to sixteen students. The front elevation will be 185 feet long, three stories high. Additional sections will be needed on the other sides of the quadrangle. The friends of Muhlenberg College have long been convinced of the necessity of new buildings and they look forward with great interest to the completing of the buildings.

The Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., had during the scholastic year 1902-03 fifty students. The health of the professors and students has been specially good during the entire year, but one case of serious illness having occurred. The order, studiousness and regularity of the students was much commended by the Faculty and the standard of scholarship has been gradually elevated by the incoming classes for years past. The Church and Chapel erected as a memorial to Rev. Dr. Charles W. Schaeffer and wife, which the Board gave consent to build on the seminary grounds, is a handsome and convenient structure, a decided ornament to the grounds, an important addition to the conveniences of the institution, a valuable contribution to the Seminary's possessions and a worthy tribute to the memory of those who during life held a position so high in the esteem of the Church.

The attention of the Ministerium was called to the decrease of the number of students in College and Theological Seminary, who are preparing for the holy ministry, and the following action was taken by the Ministerium: "That earnest and wholesome efforts be put forth by which a larger number of gifted and pious young men may be influenced to enter our College and Seminary."

The institutions of mercy, located within the territory of the Ministerium, bring many blessings by the favor of God, to those who are ministered to.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum for the Aged and Infirm at Germantown, Pa., had June, 1903, in the Orphans' Home 105 children, and in the Asylum 34 aged people. The Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt, who was installed as Superintendent and House Father, October, 1901, labored most faithfully

for the prosperity of the Homes, departed this life November 29, 1902. The Home and Asylum suffered a great loss, but his faithful and devoted wife has proved herself a worthy successor in wise counsel, careful foresight and executive ability.

The new Orphans' Home at Topton, Berks county, Pa., continues to prosper. The Home has now 55 orphans. The Superintendent, Rev. J. H. Raker, and his colaborers are devoted to their work. The institution is securing from year to year increased interest in the good work on part of ministers and people. The anniversary of the institution on August 21st was attended by at least 4,000 people.

The Mary J. Drexel Home and Deaconess Mother House, Philadelphia, Pa., during the past year came into "the possession of such means as, humanly speaking, will fully secure the financial independence of the institution for all time to come." The report of the Ministerium states: "By his munificent legacy Mr. John D. Lankenau has enabled us to carry on our work in the same manner as heretofore, and to aid our sisters in this grand and noble work of purest charity, devoted to the service of the Lord, in all its branches, by a most liberal financial support. At the same time we are enabled to guarantee and to furnish all the necessities of life to those whom we receive into this service of mercy for charity's sake for the period of active service as well as for the eve of their life. Our Church will readily understand that it is her duty to make every effort to promote this work, by sending us from her congregations an ever increasing number of faithful and devoted young women who are willing and ready to enter into the service of the Lord."

The number of sisters at the present time is seventy-five, among them fifty deaconesses. The fields of labor of the sisters include: The Home for the Aged, the Children's Hospital, the Girls' School, the Christian Kindergarten, the German Hospital, five Lutheran congregations, the Easton Hospital, St. John's Home for Aged, and the Hospital in Allegheny.

The report closes: "May the Spirit of God fill the hearts of His faithful people, first of all those of our pastors and young women. May He kindle in them the fire of His love that ever new helpers may come to assist our faithful, diligent and unselfish sisters in their work of charity to the glory of God, for the salvation of souls and for the welfare of our Church.

The 157th annual meeting of the Ministerium will be held in Salem Lutheran Memorial Chapel, Lebanon, Pa., on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1904.

F. J. F. Schantz.

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium held two conventions since the last meeting of the General Council; its 111th from June 5th to June 10th, 1902, in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middle Village, L. I., N. Y., the Rev. D. W. Peterson, pastor; and its 112th, from June 18th to June 23d, 1903, in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York City, the Rev. W. T. Junge, pastor.

At the convention of 1902 all pastors and congregations of the English Conference of the Ministerium, in response to a memorial presented by them, were honorably and peaceably dismissed from the Synod's connection, in order to organize a new, purely English Synod upon the doctrinal basis of the General Council.

There are at present 157 ministers on the roll of the Ministerium and 150 congregations, of which 29 are not officially connected with the Synod. The number of communicants is 41,945. The Sunday-schools number 162, with 2,836 teachers and 32,036 pupils. The number of parochial schools is 24, with 42 teachers and 1,277 pupils. The contributions for synodical purposes during the past year amounted to $15,285.73. The amount raised for all congregational purposes was $257,767.72, for benevolent and general church purposes, $26,600.00.

Wagner College, since 1902, is under the directorship of the Rev. Joseph Rechtsteiner. During the year 1902-1903 there were 31 students in attendance. The receipts of the treasurer amounted to $6,130.40; the disbursements, $5,976.10. The importance of this institution for the Synod and for the Church at large was strongly emphasized in the convention, and the lack of young men who feel themselves called to study for the ministry deplored.

The German Professorship Fund of the Ministerium now amounts to $18,386.09. A committee of ways and means to complete this fund was appointed.

The official organ of the Synod is the "Lutherische Herold," with the Rev. Alexander Richter as editor-in-chief.

A number of new fields have been opened to the Ministerium during the past two years and exceedingly hopeful missions have been begun in various sections of the Synod's territory.

JOHN J. HEISCHMANN, *President.*

III. The Pittsburg Synod.

The usual conventions were held. The sixtieth, at New Castle, Pa., May 28 to June 2, 1902. President, Rev. E. Belfour, D.D.; Eng. Sec., Rev. D. M. Kemerer; Ger. Sec., Rev. Paul Kummer; Treas., Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller; Missionary Supt., Rev. George S. Seaman.

Items of general interest at New Castle convention: 1. Resolution favoring the removal of Thiel College from Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., under favorable conditions. 2. Resolution granting request of Nova Scotia Conference of Pittsburg Synod to withdraw and organize a Synod in connection with the General Council.

The sixty-first convention was held at Johnstown, Pa., June 10-15, 1903. Pres., Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D. The Secretaries and Treasurer were re-elected. Rev. George J. Gongaware was elected Missionary Superintendent. This was made a salaried office and the Superintendent required to give his entire time to its duties.

Items of general interest at Johnstown convention: 1. Resolution earnestly requesting the publication of the second volume of the Biography of the Rev. Prof. Charles P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D. 2. Approving the

principle of the Unification of English Home Missions of the General Council. 3. Accepting overture from the Board of Directors of the Mt. Airy Seminary to elect one minister and one layman to represent the Synod in said Board.

Parochial statistics from Minutes of sixty-first convention:

Membership.

Ministers	133
Parishes	118
Congregations	177
Communicants	27,066
Infant Baptisms	1,824
Confirmations	1,549
Received on Letter	1,014
Catechumens	1,281
Deaths	542
Removals	582
Sunday-schools	174
Teachers	1,609
Scholars	17,167

Contributions.

Synodical Treasurey	$ 8,024 51
Pentecostal Offerings	819 90
Ministerial Relief	353 12
Church Extension	2,509 01
Orphan Work	3,129 55
Educational Institutions	10,178 06
General Council Home Missions	4,561 15
Foreign Missions	5,222 95
Local Objects	246,926 04
Other Benevolent Objects	2,782 11
Total	$289,006 26

There are twenty-five mission parishes. Four missions became self-supporting during the past year.

The next convention will be held in Zion Evan. Lutheran Church, Wheeling, W. Va., on the first Wednesday after Trinity Sunday, 1904.

D. H. Geissinger, *President.*

IV. The District Synod of Ohio.

The 46th annual convention was held in the First English Church, Columbus, Ohio, May 29 to June 2, 1902. Four ministers from sister synods were received. Six congregations were added. Five of these were transferred to this body from the Pittsburg Synod, in accordance with the boundary line agreement. This adds considerably to our efficiency and numbers. This gratifying and encouraging fact leads us to indulge the hope that all the congregations on our legitimate territory will soon unite with us, when they will be warmly welcomed.

Two cornerstones of new edifices were laid and three churches rededicated, and one new church was set apart to the service of the Triune God.

Nine missions were supported by the Synod, and six young men who are studying for the ministry of the Word received aid during the year.

The statistics of Synod are as follows:

Communicants	11,957
Baptisms	617
Confirmations	509
Losses by death, transfer and removal	393
Number of Sunday-schools	56
Number of Sunday-school scholars and teachers	7,937
Contributions by church societies for all objects	$ 6,559 53
Value of church property	404,040 00
Contributed for all purposes	57,775 45

During the year the Rev. F. Richards, D.D., pastor of St. John's church of Zanesville, Ohio, celebrated the silver jubilee of his pastorate. This unusual event reflects credit on both the pastor and the congregation, and is highly appreciated by the Synod.

The 47th annual convention was held in St. Stephen's Church, Toledo, Ohio, June 11-16, 1903. Four ministers were added to the roll of Synod and two congregations received.

The Synod now numbers:

Ministers	42
Congregations	75
Communicants	12,227
Baptisms	713
Confirmations	517
Other additions	351
Losses by death, etc.	383
Number of Sunday-schools	76
Number of Sunday-school scholars and teachers	7,972
Church societies contributed for all objects	$ 7,435 83
Sunday-schools contributed for all objects	4,108 05
Value of church property	424,500 00
Contributed for all purposes	68,486 06

From this it will be seen that our Synod is growing in liberality and strength, and therefore prepared to do more and better work for God and His kingdom.

Eleven missions are supported entirely by Synod, and several more in in process of organization. With pleasure we announce the gratifying fact that two of our missions in the city of Toledo have become self-supporting, viz: St. Matthew's and Martin Luther. A few years ago the first effort was made to establish an English congregation in the city of Toledo, Ohio. This movement was supported jointly by the Synod and General Council Home Mission Committee, and has resulted in five very efficient congregations, three of which are self-sustaining. The Synod is also supporting nine young men who are candidates for the Gospel ministry.

The following action was taken on the proposed volume of the life and labors of the late Dr. Krauth, one of the founders of the General Council:

Committee on the Proposed Volume on the Life and Labors of the Late Rev. Prof. C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.

Your committee learns with much pleasure that a second volume is to be added to the first volume already published on the "Life and Labors of the Rev. Prof. C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D., so that a full biography will be

furnished us, of this good and great man, who was the author of the remarkable era-making book entitled "The Conservative Reformation," and who was the incomparable champion of "Conservative Lutheranism," in the English speaking world. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That we hail with joy this proposal, and would urge that the proposed volume be issued for the good of our Church, its ministry and members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hunton,
F. W. E. Peschau,
J. P. Hentz.

Since the last convention of the General Council death has removed three of our oldest, best and most faithful ministers. The venerable and venerated brethren called to their eternal reward are: Rev. Jacob H. Smith, who served the Church for thirty-eight years; Rev. Jonathan Weber, who was in the ministry for forty-three years, and Rev. Joseph Frederick Fahs, who for more than half a century was a watchman on the walls of Zion.

The next convention of Synod is to be held in St. John's Church in the city of Zanesville, Ohio, June 2d, 1904.

J. G. Neiffer.

V. The Augustana Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council two conventions have been held, one at Tohpeming, Mich., June 12-17, 1902, and the other at Paxton, Ill., June 11-17, 1903.

The officers of the Synod are Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., R.N.O., President; Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., R.N.O., Vice-President; Rev. J. G. Dahlman, Secretary; and Rev. C. J. Bengson, Treasurer.

During these two years 43 candidates have been ordained to the holy ministry. The present number of ministers is 501; congregations, 956; church buildings, 831; communicants, 131,999; total membership, 216,428; baptized, 13,168; confirmed, 6,314; Sunday-school children, 59,339; parochial school children, 21,118. Contributions: Synodical Home Missions, $8,615.85; Conference Mission, $62,890.65; Foreign Missions, $17,479.52; Educational, $77,266.19; total for all objects, $2,082,749.99.

The number of students at Augustana College and Theological Seminary during the last scholastic year was 659, and 135 graduated in the different departments at the last commencement. The courses in the collegiate department have been rearranged and comprise the following groups: The Classical, the Modern Language, the Latin Scientific, the General Science, the Pre-Medical, and the Mathematical. In these courses electives are offered as far as practicable.

During the last spring term the President of Augustana College visited Sweden in the interest of the Oscar II. endowment. The Synod has decided to raise a general endowment fund for the seminary, amounting to $250,000, which sum is to be collected before 1910, when the 50th anniversary will be celebrated. The tuition fee in the seminary has been abolished.

At the convention in Paxton it was decided that the Synod incorporate as its own work the Immanuel Deaconess Institute at Omaha, Neb. A

committee was elected to draft a constitution and report at the next meeting of the Synod. Hitherto the institute has been controlled by an association.

The committee on the recognition of our theological courses by the Church of Sweden in such cases where ministers of the Synod apply for admission in the Church of Sweden reported that a communication had been received from Archbishop Ekman in Upsala, and that this communication contained the gratifying information that at the last Episcopal Convention the desired recognition was granted as far as admission to serve in the State Church was concerned, i. e., applicants will be received as ministers if they have graduated from one of our colleges and from the theological seminary, but a special so-called pastoral examination will be required before appointment to a pastorate.

The Episcopal convention at Upsala also decided to recommend all emigrants to the churches of the Augustana Synod. This recommendation will be affixed to all letters of dismissal. These acts of recognition and the official visits of Bishop von Scheele prove that the Church of Sweden recognizes the Augustana Synod and the Lutheran Church in America as a whole.

The Augustana Synod has an Emigrant House in New York, but decided at the convention in Paxton to take steps to furnish an Emigrant House also in Boston.

The translation of our catechism into English has been completed and is now generally used.

The next convention of the Augustana Synod will be held in Lindsborg, Kansas, June 2d, 1904.

CONRAD EMIL LINDBERG, *Vice-President.*

VI. The Canada Synod.

Since the last convention of the General Council at Lima, Ohio, the Canada Synod held two annual meetings, that of 1902 in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Sullivan, Grey county, Ont., June 12th to 16th, and that of 1903 in St. Matthew's Church at Conestoga, Waterloo county, Ont., June 4th to 8th, the latter being the 43d annual convention of the Synod.

During the biennium six pastors were added to the ranks of the Synod and eight dismissed to other Lutheran Synods, the latter number including the Revs. J. Shunk and J. C. F. Rupp, who, together with their respective parishes at North Williamsburg and Morrisburg, were transferred to the newly organized English New York and New England Synod in connection with the General Council. We have a number of vacant fields, meeting with great difficulty to supply them with suitable workers.

The statistical reports of this year present the following membership: 42 ministers, 87 congregations and preaching stations, 1,200 communicant members, upwards of 20,000 souls. Sunday-school is held in all congregations with between 5,000 and 6,000 scholars. In most of the congregations the respective pastors hold parochial or Saturday school, the attendance being about 1,200 children. Nine missions are under the care of the Synod, requiring an annual expenditure of about $2,000. The contributions towards

the different benevolent purposes during the past two years amounted to $4,375 for Home Missions of the Synod; to $1,200 for Foreign Missions of General Council; to $700 for invalid ministers' fund; to $500 for orphans work. The parochial reports show a total contribution towards all kinds of benevolent objects of $10,000.

The next meeting of Synod will, D. V., be held in St. Peter's Church at Zurich, Huron county, Ont., Rev. E. Schuelke, pastor, beginnig the Thursday after Pentecost, 1904.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Hoffman, Hamilton, Ont.; Vice-President, Rev. A. Blunck, Rostock, Perth county, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. H. Rembe, Conestoga, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. G. Daechsel, Listowel, Ont.

E. HOFFMANN, *President.*

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Since the last convention of the General Council the Chicago Synod has held two conventions, that of 1902 at Nappanee, Ind., and that of 1903 at Mulberry, Ind. An increased interest in the work of the Church both local and general was manifested and largely developed at both meetings.

During the biennium ten pastors were received, six by ordination all from the Chicago Seminary, and four from other synods. During the same period the losses were six by dismissal to other bodies and two by death. The present membership is composed of 36 pastors, 45 parishes, 53 congregations, and 4,669 communicants; a gain of two pastors, five congregations and 586 communicants. At the last meeting there were reported 41 Sunday-schools, with 491 teachers and officers, 4,259 scholars, and an income of $2,917.66.

There was expended $40,184.68 for local objects, and $4,740.43 for benevolent purposes. Of this latter amount $1,568.55 was expended for Synodical Home Missions; $212.11 for Foreign Missions, $348.90 education; $128.84 Synodical expenses; $145.24 ministerial relief; $177.06 General Council Home Missions; $93.86 Church Extension of the General Council; $82.87 Orphan Work; $902.32 Educational Institutions, and $860 for local or other benevolence.

Four young men are on the funds of Synod; five new congregations have been received, and seven new churches dedicated.

The Home Mission work of the Synod is beng prosecuted not only with the ordinary sense of duty and responsibility, but with enthusiasm and joy. There are on the territory of Synod fourteen missions, nine of which are supported by the Synod and five are under the care of the English Home Mission Board of the General Council. In these fields there are at work ten ordained and ten unordained missionaries. The communicant membership in these missions is 835, with an enrollment in the Sunday-schools of 1,559, with a property value of $67,500, and a yearly income of $30,330.

The officers are: Rev. H. Peters, President; Rev. H. B. Reed, Secretary; Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Treasurer; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Missionary Director.

The next convention will be held at Wallace, Fountain county, Indiana, June 1st, 1904.

H. PETERS, *President.*

VIII. The English Synod of the Northwest.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest has held two conventions. The twelfth in Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn., in 1902, and the thirteenth in Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis., in 1903. Both conventions were marked by deep interest in the work of the Church in every department of its activities. During the biennium five pastors were received, one by ordination. Three pastors were dismissed to other synods, and the Synod approved the dismissal of five brethren with their congregations, west of the Rocky mountains, who joined in the organization of the Pacific Synod. The dismissal of the pastors and congregations on the Pacific coast reduced the number of congregations to 17, the number of communicants to 2,129, Sunday-schools to 21, officers and teachers to 274, and scholars to 2,461. The increase in these two years has been as follows:

	1901	1903
Congregations	17	21
Communicants	2,129	3,034
Sunday-schools	21	23
Officers and teachers	274	301
Scholars	2,461	3,009
Benevolent contributions	$ 975.57	$2,080.81
Congregational expenses	21,795.37	34,414.73

From this it will be seen that while the congregational expenses increased over 57 per cent. the benevolent contributions increased over 113 per cent.

During the biennium four new churches were built, Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis., Rev. A. C. Carty, pastor; Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Rev. G. F. Gehr, pastor; Holy Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minn., Rev. F. E. Jensen, pastor; and St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, vacant. These are all substantial and churchly buildings, and are worthy of our Church in the Northwest. Where two years ago there were but three self-supporting congregations in the Synod, there are today at least seven, and several more soon will be.

Although the synodical constitution provides for the organization of regular conferences, it was not deemed necessary as long as the body was not so large, and had no special work which could not be attended to by the officers during the interim between the meetings, to have regularly organized conferences. Mission conferences were held from time to time which reported their proceedings to the annual convention of Synod. At the meeting held in La Crosse last June it was resolved to regularly organize the conferences.

Hitherto the Synod did not directly contribute to the support of any of its missions, although a number of missions owe their origin to the individual contributions to members of the Synod. It has now resolved to do

some missionary work of its own and regularly aids a congregation in the support of the pastor. It also gives aid to a young man preparing himself for the ministry, now a student at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Of the congregations received into the Synod during the past two years two were self-supporting from the outset, showing the ripeness of the field for English work.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. George H. Trabert, D.D.; Secretary, Rev. C. L. Warstler; Treasurer, Hon. Charles A. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn.

The next convention will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minn., beginning June 8, 1904.

GEORGE HENRY TRABERT, *President.*

IX. The German Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

On Wednesday, July 22, the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories commenced its sessions in the Lutheran Trinity Church, Winnipeg, of which Rev. F. W. V. Henning is pastor.

The first important business on hand was the election of new officers, with the result that Rev. Henning was elected president; Rev. W. Willing, Vice-President, Rev. J. Goos, Secretary, and the Hon. P. M. Bredt, of Regina, Treasurer.

The former temporary president then read the presidential report. He regretted the departure to Ontario of Rev. Mr. Bredlow, who for many years had labored with interest and fidelity in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. The former president of the Synod, Rev. Mr. Beer, had received a call as director of the seminary in Saginaw, Mich., which he accepted. His departure is a great loss to the Synod.

Three new pastors have been received into the Synod, namely, Rev. Theo. Hempel, Rev. J. Goos, and Rev. G. Poensgen.

New churches have been dedicated at Rosenthal (Rev. J. Goos), and at Langenburg (Rev. P. Mordhorst), and the congregation at Winnipeg, which is self-supporting since the present pastor is in charge, made improvements at the expense of $4,000, so that this church presents a very handsome appearance and offers seating capacity for 800 people.

From the parochial reports, which are not full, and from other sources the following statistics are derived: Ministers, 14; congregations, 52; communicants, 4,600; infant baptisms, 610; confirmations, 215; Sunday-school teachers, 60; Sunday-school scholars, 892.

The immigration of German speaking Lutherans from the States as well as from the old country keeps on, and some of our mission fields are so extensive that we should have at least three new missionaries. As it is today, we are losing daily to the different other churches, all of which claim that they teach exactly the same as the Lutheran Church in Europe.

Last but not least, hearty thanks are due the Board of German Home Missions, and we have reason to believe that three of our mission fields will be self-supporting in a few months. Respectfully submitted,

F. W. V. HENNING, *President.*

X. The Pacific Synod.

The third annual convention of the Pacific Synod was held in Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash, June 17-22, 1903. The Synod now has a clerical membership of thirteen, with twenty-two preaching points and a thousand communicant members. The recommendations of the General Council relative to the change of constitution were considered and proper action taken. Two new churches were completed during the year: Holy Trinity, Seattle, Wash., and Immanuel's, San Jose, Cal., and a third, St. Paul's, Vancouver, Wash., is nearing completion.

One new congregation was admitted to membership, viz: St. Paul's, of Vancouver, Wash. The parochial table shows a total valuation of church property of $52,550, and an additional value of parsonages of $11,650. Amounts contributed for local expenses, $3,638.51, while $258.22 was paid on apportionment, of which amount $222.62 was contributed for charity. The officers of the Synod were instructed to have the Synod incorporated. The Synod is looking forward hopefully to the founding of an educational institution on the Pacific coast, the same having been practically assured by a heretofore generous friend of our Church.

An unnamed donor contributes to the Synod a nucleus for the ultimate establishing of an institution of mercy. The Synod comes before the General Council Publication Board with the request for a repository of our Lutheran literature on the coast, the same being necessary as a measure of expediency and economy.

The Columbia Central Luther League was organized in St. James' church on May 2d, 1903. It embraces the leagues of Southern Washington and Northern Oregon, and though separate from the Synod, it is proving a valuable adjunct to the Synod's operations.

The former officers of Synod were re-elected as follows: President, J. A. Leas, 382 Jefferson street, Portland, Ore.; Rev. Emil Meyer, 215 Delmas avenue, San Jose, Cal., and Mr. N. F. Erickson, 1512 Eleventh street, Seattle, Wash. The next meeting of Synod will be held in St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, Wash., beginning June 8th, 1904.

J. A. Leas, *President.*

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

The Ev. Lutheran Synod of New York and New England was formally organized at a meeting held in the Church of the Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., the Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor, September 23-25, 1902. The New York Ministerium, at its 111th convention held in Middle Village, N. Y., June 5-10, 1902, unanimously resolvel to permit its English pastors and congregations to withdraw and form a separate Synod. All of the purely English parishes of the Ministerium, numbering 34, availed themselves of this permission, and these, together with two English parishes of the Canada Synod, entered into the organization of the new body. The Synod adopted the "Principles of Faith and Church Polity" and ratified the Constitution of the General Council. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, an important feature of the former being a provision requiring the President of the Synod to visit each parish at least once during his term of office.

The second annual convention was held September 15-17, 1903, in the Church of the Redeemer, Kingston, N. Y., the Rev. Wm. F. Bacher, pastor. Two pastors were dismissed during the year and six were received. One candidate was ordained. Thirteen of the parishes are missions, six being sustained by the Synod itself, two by the General Council Board, two by Holy Trinity Church, New York, and the remainder by local missionary societies in Brooklyn and Buffalo. Mission work was begun in five new fields during the year. Of the 41 parishes connected with the Synod 33 have been organized within fifteen years.

The statistics for the year are as follows:

Organized congregations		42
Communicant members		11,208
Accessions		1,299
Losses		360
Infant baptisms		589
Sunday-school enrollment		9,979
Contributions for current expenses		$ 67,787 85
Contributions for special expenses		300,778 53
Benevolent contributions:		
Synodical apportionment	$1,573 80	
Foreign Missions	1,533 18	
General Council Home Missions	1,384 40	
Church Extension	420 77	
Education	197 00	
Orphans	472 70	
Other objects	3,005 37	
		8,587 22
Value of church property		1,185,470 00

The officers of the Synod are: President, the Rev. Wm. F. Bacher, Kingston, N. Y.; Secretary, the Rev. M. S. Waters, 22 Miller street, Newark, N. J.; Treasurer, Mr. John F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y.

The next convention will be held on the third Tuesday in September, 1904.

WM. F. BACHER, *President.*

XII. The Synod of Nova Scotia.

The following congregations with their pastors, formerly constituting the Nova Scotia Conference of the Pittsburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to wit: Zion and St. Luke's, Lunenburg parish, Rev. W. M. Weaver, pastor; St. Paul's, Church of the Redeemer, St. Matthew's, Christ, St. Michael's, Bridgewater parish, Rev. C. B. Lindtwed, pastor; St. Matthew's, St. Mark's and St. John's, Rose Bay parish, Rev. Jacob Maurer, pastor; St. John's, St. Peter's and St. Mark's, Mahone Bay parish, Rev. C. G. Beck, pastor; Mt. Zion, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and Mt. Calvary, Midville parish, Rev. L. M. McCreery, pastor; and Trinity, St. Matthew's, St. Paul's, Emmanuel's and St. George's, Rev. C. H. Little, pastor, received honorable dismission from the said Pittsburg Synod; and on the 10th of July, 1903, organized a Synod under a charter granted by the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia and under the style and title "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia."

The Synod adopted a constitution in full doctrinal harmony with the principles and usages of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

The Synod numbers 6 ministers, 24 congregations and 2,454 communicants; 22 Sunday-schools, 179 officers and teachers, and 1,237 scholars. Benevolent contributions amounted to $1,142.73.

JACOB MAURER, *President.*

The Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas presented the following report, which was received, considereded item by item, the recommendations adopted and the report adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to report the following names:

1. Board of English Home Missions.

Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D.
" Geo. W. Sandt, D.D.
" Samuel Laird, D.D.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
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" W. Hengerer.
" F. P. D. Miller.

2. Board of German Home Missions.

Rev. Emil C. J. Kraeling.
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" John J. Kuendig, D.D.
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Mr. Martin Wulff.
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" Gustav Speckel.
" John Sutter.
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" Frederick Kracke.

3. Swedish Mission Board.

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" Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.

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" Heinrich Beiderbecke.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The English Secretary, chairman of the committee, presented the report on statistics, which, on motion of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, contains also the statistics of the W. H. and F. M. Societies, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

The Committee on Statistics presents the following summary of the statistics of the synods and institutions connected with the General Council:

For 1902.—10 Synods, 1,303 ministers, 2,106 congregations and 361,048 communicant members; 490 parochial schools, with 643 teachers and 25,579 pupils; 1,768 Sunday-schools, with 23,114 officers and teachers, and 213,394 scholars. Benevolent contributions, $290,290.68.

For the year 1903.—12 Synods, 1,371 ministers, 2,216 congregations and 386,132 communicant members, including the communicants in our India

Mission, 390,742; 492 parochial schools, with 657 teachers and 25,938 pupils; 1,974 Sunday-schools, with 24,674 officers and teachers, and 221,335 scholars. Benevolent contributions, $323,751.13. The total benevolent contributions for the biennium amount to $614,041.81. The statistics for 1903 show an increase over those of 1901 of 2 Synods, 67 ministers, 148 congregations and 5,723 communicant members; 14 parochial schools, 40 teachers and 998 pupils; 241 Sunday-schools, 1,327 officers and teachers, and 8,416 scholars. The increase of benevolent contributions is $70,265.08. Four synods report 213 Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and other missionary organizations, with 9,809 members and benevolent contributions amounting to $14,829.17.

Of the 16 educational institutions 3 are theological seminaries, with property valued at $450,000; endowment, $257,000; volumes in libraries, 31,000; and 15 professors and 168 students; 7 colleges, with property valued at $762,877, endowment $246,853, volumes in libraries 57,000, and 149 professors and 2,074 students; 4 academies, with property valued at $67,360, volumes in libraries 2,300, and 22 instructors and 510 students; 2 ladies' colleges, with 18 professors and 89 pupils. A total value of property of $1,280,237 and endowment of $503,853; volumes in libraries 91,500, professors 204, and 2,841 students.

Of the 34 charitable institutions 13 are orphans' homes, with property valued at $667,381, endowment $51,000 and 794 inmates; 6 homes for aged, with property valued at $83,000, endowment $7,000 and 167 inmates; 8 hospitals, with property valued at $882,000, endowment $20,500 and 5,340 patients; 3 deaconess motherhouses, with property valued at $650,000, and 130 deaconesses; 4 immigrant and seamen's missions, with property valued at $81,000 and 7,757 persons in their care. A total value of property of $2,363,381, endowment of $78,500 and 14,188 persons in their care. This makes a total money value for educational and benevolent use of $4,225,971. Add to this the benevolent contributions of the congregations during the last biennium, and the total amounts to $4,840,012.81.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Ochsenford
J. Nicum.

The report was adopted and appears in tabulated form in connection with other statistics of the Council. See General Council Directory.

The Committee on Lutheran General Conference in Europe was reappointed.

The Rev. Dr. S. Laird presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE CHARTER, BY-LAWS, OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS, ETC.

The work with which this Committee is charged has been delayed much beyond what was expected or intended. Part of it, however, has been per-

formed. The Charter, Constitution and By-Laws have been printed, as already reported, and are for sale at the store of the Publication Board, No. 1522 Arch street, Philadelphia.

In the further prosecution of the work a few questions have arisen on which the committee desires the instructions of the Council:

1. Shall an introduction be inserted presenting a statement of the manner in which the General Council came into existence?
2. Shall a description of the Seal be given?
3. In printing the Declarations of the Council, shall all the matter pertaining to them be included, or only the completed form in which they were presented?
4. Shall the Charter and Constitution of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society and the Constitution of the Emigrant House be printed in the book? These societies are not under the government or control of the General Council, but report to the Council, have been endorsed and approved by it, and are important and valuable adjuncts in its Home Mission work. Without the sanction of the Council the Committee would not feel authorized to make any reference to them in the proposed Digest, but presents the question for decision.
5. Shall any reference be made to the Deaconess work in the bounds of the General Council?
6. Shall the book be printed in the German language?
7. How many copies shall be printed?

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and considered item by item. Items 1-3 were referred to the discretion of the committee, with power to act. Items 4 and 5 were answered in the affirmative. In reply to the question in item 6, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, it was resolved that, for the present, the book should be printed only in the English language. Item 7, referring to the number of copies to be printed, the Council voted to leave the matter to the judgment of the committee, with power to act. The report was adopted as a whole.

The English Corresponding Secretary made a verbal report, stating that no matters of importance had been brought to his attention during the past two years. The report was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. H. Trabert it was

Resolved, That all official publications of the General Council, except the publications of the Augustana Synod, shall hereafter be issued by the Publication Board of the Council.

On motion of the Rev. G. Doering it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be and is hereby authorized to grant the request of the Emigrant Mission in New York for six dozen copies of the *Sonntagschuhlbuch,* with notes, for use in the chapel of the Emigrant House.

The Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware presented the following, which was adopted:

WOMEN'S H. AND F. M. SOCIETIES.

WHEREAS, The interests of our Church require for their proper advancement the hearty co-operation of every available agency; and

WHEREAS, Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies have proved very efficient in advancing our missionary enterprises, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the General Council urges that Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be organized in all our congregations, conferences and Synods.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The Rev. Dr. F. E. W. Peschau offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Believing with a famous author, "That historical facts and historic places should claim our deepest interest and should be guarded as carefully as religious truth," we express our high and profound appreciation of the honor shown us by the pastors and people of our three churches in this city, by the complimentary trip given us last Saturday afternoon to the historical Trappe Church and the tomb of Muhlenberg, the Patriarch of American Lutheranism;

Resolved, 1. That our most sincere thanks are tendered to all who contributed to the enjoyment of that trip that will be to many of us an ever-memorable one.

Resolved, 2. That the pastors of our various churches in Norristown be requested to assure their respective congregations of our profound gratitude for the kind favor shown us.

The Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz offered the following resolutions, which were amended and adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of the Lutheran congregations at Norristown, Pa., be requested at the services on next Sunday to return to their respective congregations the sincere thanks of the members of the General Council for their hospitable entertainment during the present convention.

Resolved, That the pastor of Trinity congregation, Norristown, Pa., be requested, at the service on next Sunday, to return the thanks of the General Council to the congregation for the use of its church building and the excellent arrangements for the comfort of the delegates at this convention, and thanks to the choir for their faithful attendance at the services and their excellent music.

To these resolutions of thanks, a vote of thanks was tendered to the reporters for the press for their excellent reports of the proceedings that have appeared in their columns, especially in the Norristown papers.

NEED OF SLAVONIAN PASTORS.

On motion of the Rev. C. J. Cooper, D.D., it was

Resolved, That this General Council, through its Standing Committee on Relation to the Lutheran General Conference in Europe, apply to the proper authorities in Europe with a view of securing suitable pastors for the Slavonian Lutheran congregations now being organized on the territory of the General Council.

The report of the Committee on the Report of the President was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer was instructed to give the usual compensation to the sexton of Trinity Church.

MINUTES.

The Secretary was instructed to have the usual number of copies of the Minutes of the General Council printed for free distribution. Extra copies are to be offered for sale at twenty-five cents per copy.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., invited the General Council to hold its next convention in the Church of the Redeemer, of which he is the pastor, Milwaukee, Wis. The invitation was unanimously accepted. The Thirtieth Convention of the General Council will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., on the second Thursday in October, 1905.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. F. E. W. Peschau it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to secure reduced transportation to the next convention of the Council. The appointment of the committee was temporarily deferred.

The Rev. J. A. Leas, President of the Pacific Synod, by invitation, addressed the Council on the work of his Synod on the west coast.

A resolution was passed in recognition of the organists, C. A. Marks, W. Benbow and Carl Pfatteicher, who gave excellent organ recitals in connection with the special services during this convention of the Council.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The General Council adjourned at 10 o'clock, the convention being closed by the President according to the "Order for the Closing of Synods." The members united in singing the first two stanzas of the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God."

S. E. OCHSENFORD,

English Secretary.

PUBLIC SERVICES IN TRINITY CHURCH.

Thursday Morning—Opening Service.

Confessional Service in the Sunday-school room, conducted by the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., and the Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D. The Morning Service in the auditorium, conducted by the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D. and the English Secretary. Sermon by President Ranseen. Text, Deut. 1:21, "The Lord's Commission to His Church."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening—Home Missions.

Organ Recital by Prof. C. A. Marks, Allentown, Pa.

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. H. Peters, Decatur, Ill.

General Topic: "The Outlook in the General Council for the Extension of the Kingdom of Christ." *The Outlook at Home*—"Among Our English Speaking People," by the Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa.; "Among the Swedes," by the Rev. A. Bergin, B.D., Cambridge, Minn.; "Among the Germans," by the Rev. E. J. C. Kraeling, Brooklyn, N. Y.; "In the Cities," by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

Friday Evening—Foreign Missions.

Organ Recital by Prof. William Benbow, Reading, Pa.

Liturgical Service, conducted by the Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., Reading, Pa.

The Outlook Abroad.—"In Porto Rico," by the Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., Pittsburg, Pa.; "In India," by the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Samulkot, India; charge to the Rev. E. H. Trafford as Missionary to India, by the Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions, and an address by the Rev. E. H. Trafford.

Sunday Morning—Divine Service.

Liturgical Service, by the pastor, the Rev. Ernst P. Pfatteicher, Ph.D. Sermon by the Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sunday Afternoon—Sunday-school.

Addresses by the Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., New York City, and the Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

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Monday Evening—Education and Benevolence.

Organ Recital by Mr. Carl F. Pfatteicher, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

Liturgical Service, by the Rev. G. J. Gongaware, Greensburg, Pa.

I. "The Problem of Christian Education."—1. "What Can Our Theological Seminaries Do to Solve It?" by the Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.; 2. "What Can Our Colleges and Acad-

emies Do?" by the Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D., New York City; 3. "What Can Our Sunday-schools Do?" by the Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., Buffalo, N. Y.

II. "The Problem of Christian Benevolence," by the Rev. Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D., Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Saturday Afternoon—Pilgrimage to The Trappe.

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1. Marriage, according to God's Law, is a covenant indissoluble for life.*

2. Divorce, by divine authority, is legitimate only when the marriage covenant, and with it the Divine Law, has been broken either by husband or wife. Divorce cannot annul or dissolve the contract, or separate the parties. In its legitimate use, its office is only to declare formally that one party to the contract has already broken it, in violation of Divine Law, and that the other party is, therefore, free from all the obligations assumed in entering the holy state.

3. Violations of the Marriage Covenant completely disrupting it, are (a) adultery, Matt. 5:32; 19:5, 6. (b) Malicious desertion, 1 Cor. 7:15.

4. While the language of the passages in Matthew seems to restrict divorce to but one ground, "adultery," St. Paul, in 1 Cor. 7:15, shows that desertion is the essential principle of adultery.

5. Only such "desertion" comes under this exception as it prolongs and withstands the most earnest efforts for its removal. The innocent party must exhaust all efforts to procure the return of the one offending (1 Cor. 7:11).

6. In the application of this principle, habitual cruelty is regarded by many of our theologians as a clear violation of the marriage contract and a form of malicious desertion.

7. The distinction between divorce and separation "quoad mensam acthorum," is recognized by the canonical law, and by the civil law of many States, but has no Scriptural foundations, and is replete with abuses whereof jurists complain.

8. Besides the causes enumerated, divorce is understood as including also a judicial decree declaring that the marriage had never valid existence, as in cases where a manifest fraud has been perpetrated by one party upon the other. Such a divorce is in harmony with Matt. 5:32; 19:5, 6, although it must be surrounded by the most rigid safeguards, if flagrant abuses are to be prevented.

9. Where the marriage covenant has been broken and the judicial decree has made public and formal declaration of the fact, the innocent party is freed from all obligations assumed, and stands in Divine Law as though such covenant had never been made. To the innocent party belongs, therefore, the right of remarriage.

10. But the decree of divorce, in freeing the innocent, does not, by Divine Law, give the right of remarriage to the party on account of whose breach of the contract the divorce has been given.

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*At the Convention at Lima, O., 1901, the first thesis was under discussion during the first session. The further consideration of the subject was deferred, while the motion of Dr. Seiss to strike out the word "indissoluble" was pending.

11. The Order of Marriage in the Church, i. e., by a Christian minister, is the public approval of the marriage as being legitimate, and the invoking the divine blessing upon it as such.

12. No minister can officiate at the marriage of those as to whose right to marriage he is in doubt.

13. It is not, however, the duty of the pastor to enter into an examination of the evidence that has determined the decree of a court, and thus to assume to revise and amend its decisions; but where the divorce has been granted upon the grounds permitted in the Divine Law, the certificate of the divorce should ordinarily be taken as sufficient evidence.

14. In States where the divorce laws are lax, and other causes than those recognized in the Divine Law are admitted, the greatest caution must be observed lest divorces, made in violation of this law, be ecclesiastically approved, and persons be assured of the divine blessing, who, in God's law, are incapable of marriage.

4. CONVENTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Preliminary Convention, Reading, Pa., 1866.—Rev. G. Bassler, President.

No.	Year.	Place.	President.	English Secretary.	German Secretary.	Treasurer.	Synods Represented.	Members Present.		
								Clerical..	Lay.....	Total....
1	1867	Ft. Wayne, Ind..	Rev. G. Bassler	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	G. Fritschel, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D..	11	34	15	49
2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa...	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D..	12	33	22	55
3	1869	Chicago, Ill.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	C. F. Norton, Esq.....	11	38	24	62
4	1870	Lancaster, Ohio..	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	11	32	20	52
5	1871	Rochester, N. Y..	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	30	20	50
6	1872	Akron, Ohio.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	27	14	41
7	1873	Erie, Pa.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. G. W. Drees.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	38	25	63
8	1874	Jamestown, N.Y..	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	10	38	25	63
9	1875	Galesburg, Ill....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson.....	J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq.	10	35	18	53
10	1876	Bethlehem, Pa...	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. H. Grahn.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	41	26	67
11	1877	Philadelphia, Pa.	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	39	27	66
12	1879	Zanesville, Ohio..	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.....	Rev. J. C. Petersen.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	27	22	49
13	1880	Greensburgh, Pa.	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	34	20	54
14	1881	Rochester, N. Y..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	37	24	61
15	1882	Lancaster, Ohio..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten..	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	29	15	44
16	1883	New York, N. Y.	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten..	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	44	25	69
17	1884	Monroe, Mich....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten..	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	47	19	66
18	1885	Philadelphia, Pa..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten..	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	49	38	87
19	1886	Chicago, Ill.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. C. A. Swensson....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	11	59	31	90
20	1887	Greenville, Pa....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. G. W. Mechling....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	40	25	65
21	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.	J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D...	Rev. G. W. Mechling....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	60	37	97
22	1889	Pittsburgh, Pa...	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	57	34	91
23	1891	Buffalo, N. Y....	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	63	45	108
24	1893	Ft. Wayne, Ind..	C. A. Swensson, Ph.D....	Rev. G. W. Mechling....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	54	28	82
25	1895	Easton, Pa.....	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D....	Rev. W. K. Frick.....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	65	42	107
26	1897	Erie, Pa.....	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D....	Rev. W. K. Frick.....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	71	44	115
27	1899	Chicago, Ill.....	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.....	Rev. W. K. Frick.....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	91	49	140
28	1901	Lima, Ohio.....	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.....	Rev. S. E. Ochsenford,D.D.	Rev. G.C. Berkemeier.D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	87	49	136
29	1903	Norristown, Pa...	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.....	Rev. S. E. Ochsenford,D.D.	Rev. G.C. Berkemeier,D.D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	12	91	58	149

5. SYNODICAL AND CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND MEETINGS.

SYNODS AND CONFERENCES.	PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OR MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARIES.	TREASURER.	Place and date of next Synodical Meeting.
I.... Ministerium of Penn'a	Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D.....	Rev. O. E. Pflueger, Eng. Rev. H. Offermann, Ger..	Rev. H. A. Weller, Orwigsburg, Pa.	May 26, 1904.
CONFERENCES.				
1 Allentown	Rev. W. D. C. Keiter.....	Rev. Ernest M. Grahn...	Rev. Ernest M. Grahn.....	
2 Danville	Rev. C. F Dry.....	Rev. Geo. W. Genszler...	Rev. Wm. H. Geiger.....	
3 Lancaster	Rev. J. W. Hassler, D.D.....	Rev. P. George Sieger...	Rev. P. George Sieger.....	
4 Norristown	Rev. J. J. Kline, Ph.D.....	Rev. Warren Nickel.....	Rev. O. F. Waage.....	
5 Philadelphia, English.....	Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman.....	Rev. Geo. A. Kercher....	Rev. J. F. C. Fluck.....	
6 Philadelphia, German.....	Rev. J. E. Nedecker.....	Rev. H. D. E. Siebott..:	Rev. A. Biemueller.....	
7 Pottsville	Rev. E. H. Smoll.....	Rev. G. M. Bock.....	Rev. G. M. Bock.....	
8 Reading	Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D.....	Rev. Adam M. Weber....	Rev. Adam M. Weber.....	
9 Wilkesbarre	Rev. W. M. Rehrig, Ph.D.....	Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D.	Rev. James O. Schlenker.....	
II...Ministerium of N. York.	Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D.....	Rev. J. C. R. Luehrs, Ger Rev. G. A. Beirdeman, D.D., English.	Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann, 22-24 N. William St., New York	Next meeting, Buffalo. N. Y., June 9, 1904.
CONFERENCES.				
1 Albany	Rev. H. D. Kraeling.....	Rev. O. W. Krauch.....	Mr. H. Kratz, 576 Clinton Ave., Albany, N. Y.	
2 New York	Rev. D. W. Peterson.....	Rev. F. H. Bosch.....	Rev. J. A. Weyl.....	
3 Rochester	Rev. H. H. Hartwig.....	Rev. H. R. Grabau.....	Rev. W. Fiebke, Liverpool, N.Y.	
III..Pittsburgh Synod.	Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.....	Rev. D. M. Kemerer, Eng.	Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller, 1046 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.	Next meeting, Zion's, Wheeling, W. Va., Wed., after Trinity Sunday, June 1, 1904.
CONFERENCES.	Rev. G. J. Gongaware, Miss. Supt..	Rev. Paul Kummer, Ger.		
1 Eastern	Rev. H. K. Shanor.....	Rev. W. O. Laub.....	Rev. D. B. Stahlmann, Church, Pa.	
2 Middle	Rev. R. R. Durst.....	Rev. W. E. Bauer.....	Rev. T. S. Brown, Allegheny, Pa.	
3 Northern	Rev. G. A. Benze.....	Rev. Frank C. Oberly....	Rev. P. Riffer, Greenville, Pa...	
4 Southern	Rev. S. K. Herbster.....	Rev. Ira M. Wallace....	Mr. G. W. Stough, Donegal, Pa..	
5 Western	Rev. J. LeRoy Miller.....	Rev. T. S. Weiskotten...	Rev. T. S. Weiskotten, North Lima, O.	
IV.. District Synod of Ohio.	Rev J. G. Neiffer. D.D.....	Rev. F. P. Bossart.....	Mr. J. H. Puck, Toledo, O.....	Next meeting, St. John's Church, Zanesville, O., June 2, 1904.
CONFERENCES.	Rev. Jacob Ash, Miss. President....			
1 Northern	Rev. F. P. Bossart.....	Rev. Herman Brezing...		
2 Southeastern	Rev. J. M. Wenrich.....	Rev. C. K. Hunton.....		
3 Southwestern	Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D.....	Rev. C. E. Schweikert...		

Synodical and Conference Officers and Meetings.—Continued.

Synods and Conferences.	Pres. and Vice-Pres. or Miss. Supt.	Secretaries.	Treasurer.	
V. Augustana Synod.	Rev. Erie Norelius, D.D., R.N.O....	Rev. J. G. Dahlberg, A.M.	Rev. Carl J. Bengston, Rock Island, Ill.	Next meeting, Lindsborg, Kansas, June 2, 1904, at 8 p. m.
CONFERENCES.	Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, DD., R.N.O., vice-Pres.			
1 California	Rev. C. J. E. Haterius..... Rev. J. A. Edlund.....	Rev. A. J. Rodell.....	Mr. A. P. Rudolphi.....	
2 Columbia	Rev. M. L. Larson..... Rev. G. A. Anderson.....	Rev. N. J. W. Nelson....	Rev. J. W. Skans.....	
3 Illinois	Rev. Carl A. Hemborg, D.D..... Rev. M. Noyd, A.M.....	Rev. A. Appell, A.M.....	Rev. O. V. Holmgrain, Rock Island, Ill.	
4 Iowa	Rev. A. Norrbom..... Rev. Jos. A. Anderson, A.M.....	Rev. B. Modin.....	Mr. C. O. Nelson.....	
5 Kansas	Rev. G. A. Brandelle, D.D..... Rev. J. A. Stamline. D.D., V.-P....	Rev. G. A. Dorf, A.M...	Mr. Francis Johnson, Lindsborg, Kans.	
6 Minnesota	Rev. J. Fremling, D.D..... Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D.....	Rev. J. A. Krantz.....	Rev. G. Rast.....	
7 Nebraska	Rev. P. M. Lindberg, A.M..... Rev. C. A. Randolph.....	Rev. E. G. Chinlund, B.D.	Mr. J. L. Helgren.....	
8 New York	Rev. L. P. Ahlquist, D.D..... Rev. J. Alfred Anderson, B.D.....	Rev. E. A. Zetterstrand A.M	Rev. G. Forsberg.....	
VI. Canada Synod.	Rev. E. Hoffmann.....	Rev. H. Rembe.....	Rev. G. Daechsel, Listowel, Ont., Canada.	St. Peter's, Zurich, Ont. May 26, 1904.
CONFERENCES.	Rev. A. Blunek.....			
1 Eastern	Rev. G. Braekebusch.....	Rev. B. Christiansen.....	Rev. C. Zarnke, Pembroke, Ont..	
2 Middle	Rev. J. Landholz.....	Rev. J. Badke.....	Rev. J. Badke, Humberstone....	
3 Western	Rev. A. R. Schultz.....	Rev. G. Daechsel.....	Rev. G. Daechsel, Listowel, Ont.	
VII. Chicago Synod.	Rev. Hiram Peters.....	Rev. H. B. Reed.....	Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Wallace, Ind.	Phanuel Ch., Wallace, Ind., June 1, 1904.
CONFERENCES.				
1 Northern	Rev. H. B. Reed.....	Rev. Wm. Eckert.....	Rev. Geo. F. Dittmar, Rochester, Ind.	
2 Southern	Rev. Isaiah Whitman.....	Rev. J. C. Dietz.....	Rev. W. J. Seiberling, Mulberry, Ind.	
VIII. English Synod of the Northwest.	Rev. Geo. H. Trabert, D.D.....	Rev. M. E. Boulton.....	Mr. Chas. A. Smith, 44th Ave. N. and Lyndale Ave., Minneapolis.	Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn., June 8, 1904.
IX... Manitoba and N. W. Territories.	Rev. F. W. V. Henning.....	Rev. J. Goos.....	Mt. T. M. Bredt.....	Neudorf, Assa. Can., 1904.
X. Pacific Synod.	Rev. J. A. Leas.....	Rev. E. Meyer, Rec. Sec.	Mr. T. Erickson, Seattle, Wash..	St. Paul's, Vancouver, Wash., June 8, 1904.
XI. Synod of New York and New England	Rev. W. F. Bacher.....	Rev. M. S. Waters.....	Mr. J. F. Dinkey.....	
XII. Synod of Nova Scotia.	Rev. J. Maurer.....	Rev. W. M. Weaver.....	Rev. C. G. Beck.....	June 30, 1904.

6. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SYNODS AND INSTITUTIONS.

I. DISTRICT SYNODS.—1902.

No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	748	359	535	124,025	24	47	1,867	536	9.350	87,214	$ 80.700 19
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	177	143	50.000	23	34	1,650	187	3.327	35,041	27,500 00
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	142	205	28,635	8	9	367	188	1,741	19,291	31,641 95
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	42	74	11,957	....	....	.....	68	831	7,104	13,119 95
5	Augustana Synod	1860	469	921	121,446	384	518	20,000	630	6,568	53,084	125,000 00
6	Canada Synod	1861	41	85	13.611	38	23	1,336	78	571	4,867	5,172 14
7	Chicago Synod	1871	33	50	4,237	....	....	.....	33	412	3,614	5.398 85
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	17	21	2,537	....	....	.....	23	274	2,779	1,487 59
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	13	60	3.400	13	12	359	25	40	400	270 00
10	Pacific Synod	1901	10	12	1,200	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total		1,303	2,106	361.048	490	643	25,579	1,768	23,114	213.394	$290.290 68

DISTRICT SYNODS.—1903.

No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	356	576	129,893	9	48	1,695	533	9,300	79,155	$91,761 24
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	157	150	41.947	24	42	1,277	162	2,836	32,036	26,600 00
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	133	177	27,066	....	....	.....	174	1,609	17,167	42,080 22
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	43	76	11,995	....	....	.....	69	626	7,972	9.837 82
5	Augustana Synod	1860	501	959	131,999	409	549	21,118	785	7,335	59,339	131,182 59
6	Canada Synod	1861	38	75	10.023	35	18	1.117	70	559	4,386	5,169 29
7	Chicago Synod	1871	36	51	4,669	1	1	.....	41	491	4,259	4,740 43
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	17	21	3,034	....	....	.....	23	301	3,009	2,080 81
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	15	60	3,600	12	11	282	17	50	575	300 00
10	Pacific Synod	1901	13	16	863	3	....	76	15	72	590	256 00
11	New York and New England Synod	1902	36	38	10,536	....	....	.....	38	825	8.605	7,700 00
12	Nova Scotia Synod	1903	6	24	2,454	....	....	.....	22	179	1.237	1.142 73
	In India	....	.....	.....	4.610	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total		1,351	2.223	382,689	493	669	25,565	1,949	24.183	218,330	$321.851 13

II. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	Students.
1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill	Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D	$ 75,000	$ 50,000	.....	3	77
2	Chicago	1891	Chicago, Ill	Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D	175,000	.....	5,000	6	41
3	Philadelphia	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D	200,000	207,000	26,000	6	50
	Total				$450,000	$257,000	31,000	15	168

COLLEGES.

1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill	Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D	$267,295	.....	18,000	45	582
2	Bethany	1881	Lindsborg, Kan	Rev. C. A. Swenson, Ph.D., D.D	175,000	.....	9,000	50	900
3	Gustavus Adolphus	1862	St. Peter, Minn	Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph.D	77,000	.....	10,000	21	215
4	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa	Rev. Theodore L. Seip, D.D	100,000	166,853	10,000	12	139
5	Thiel	1870	Greensburg, Pa	Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D	40,000	70,000	8,000	11	150
6	Upsala	1893	New Orange, N. J	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph.D	79,582	.....	1,400	5	50
7	Wagner	1883	Rochester, N. Y	Rev. J. Rechtsteiner	24,000	10,000	1,000	5	38
	Total				$762,877	$246,853	57,400	149	2,074

ACADEMIES.

1	Colburn Academy	1900	Colburn, Ind	Prof. G. M. Moser	$ 500	.....	.....	2	28
2	Greensburg Seminary	1874	Greensburg, Pa	Prof. J. C. Hoch, Ph.D	30,000	.....	500	8	220
3	Luther Academy	1883	Wahoo, Neb	Rev. O. J. Johnson	21,560	.....	1,800	6	150
4	Northwestern College	1900	Fergus Falls, Minn	Prof. A. C. Youngdahl	15,000	.....	.....	6	115
	Total				$67,060	.....	2,300	22	510

LADIES' COLLEGES.

1	Cotta College	1897	Lancaster, Pa	Prof. Wm. W. Moore, A.M	.....	.....	.....	8	32
2	Girls' School, Drexel Home	1890	Philadelphia, Pa	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	800	10	57
	Total				.....	.....	800	18	89
	Grand Total				$1,280,237	$503,853	91,500	204	2,841

III. CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
1	Bethany	1902	Bridgewater, N. S.	Rev. C. B. Lindtwed	$ 1,000	.....	.....
2	Evangelical Lutheran	1859	Germantown, Phila., Pa.	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt	160,000	$45,000	102
3	Evangelical Lutheran	1896	Topton, Berks Co., Pa.	Rev. J. H. Raker	50,000	.....	52
4	Gustavus Adolphus	1883	Jamestown, N. Y.	Mr. J. S. Swenson	44,000	.....	60
5	Home and Farm School	1852	Zelienople, Butler Co., Pa.	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	50,000	.....	77
6	Immanuel	1901	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	.....	.....	12
7	St. John's Home	1864	Sulphur Springs, Buffalo, N.Y	Mr. Otto Ehlers	150,000	6,000	54
8	Swedish	1868	Andover, Henry Co., Ill.	Mr. A. Lincoln	35,000	.....	40
9	Swedish	1880	Cleborne, Kan.	Mr. B. B. Berg	18,000	.....	32
10	Swedish	1880	Stanton, Montg. Co., Ia.	Mr. C. G. Lind	20,381	.....	32
11	Swedish	1865	Vasa, Goodhue Co., Minn.	Mr. J. A. Hultgren	24,000	.....	51
12	Swedish Home and Indus. School	1891	Joliet, Ill.	Miss Frida Shelander	25,000	.....	72
13	Wartburg	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D	300,000	.....	210
	Total				$667,381	$51,000	794

HOMES FOR AGED, ASYLUMS, ETC.

1	Aged, Asylum for	1859	Germantown, Phila., Pa.	Mrs. G. C. Eisenhardt	.....	.....	35
2	Aged, Marie Louise Home	1899	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D	$ 50,000	.....	16
3	Aged, Mary J. Drexel Home	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	39
4	Aged, Lutheran Church Home	1896	Buffalo, N. Y.	Miss Louise E. Kaehler	8,000	$7,000	21
5	Epileptics, Passavant Memorial	1895	Rochester, Pa.	Rev. F. W. Kohler	10,000	.....	46
6	Samaritan Shelter	1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mr. F. Andorae	15,000	.....	10
	Total				$83,000	$7,000	167

HOSPITALS.

1	Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill.		$142,000	.....	1,598
2	Bethesda	1880	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	70,000	$1,500	85
3	Children's	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Magdalene Steinman	.....	.....	445
4	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	50,000	.....	75
5	Milwaukee	1863	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	250,000	15,000	687
6	Passavant Memorial	1885	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	200,000	1,000	945
7	Passavant Memorial	1875	Jacksonville, Ill.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	100,000	3,000	390
8	Passavant Memorial	1849	Pittsburg, Pa.	Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D	70,000	.....	1,125
	Total				$882,000	$20,500	5,340

DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSES.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	PASTORS.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Deaconesses.
1	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	$ 50,000	.....	27
2	Mary J. Drexel	1888	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	600,000	.....	76
3	Milwaukee	1894	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	.....	.....	27
	Total				$650,000	.....	130

IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

1	German	1873	New York, N. Y.	Rev. G. Doering	$ 78,000	.....	5,757
2	Swedish	1895	New York, N. Y.	Rev. A. B. Lilja	3,000	.....	2,000
3	Swedish		Boston, Mass.	Rev. C. W. Ander	.....	.....	.....
4	Seamen's Mission		Philadelphia, Pa.		.....	.....	.....
	Total				$81,000	.....	7,757

RECAPITULATION.

	$1,280,237	$503,853	.....
16 Educational Institutions	2,363,381	78,500	.....
34 Charitable Institutions	$3,643,618	$582,353	.....
50 Institutions under General Council Influence			

A total money value of $4.225,971.

WOMAN'S H. AND F. M. SOCIETIES AND OTHER MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.*

NAME OF SYNOD.	No. of Societies	Members.	Contributions Last Year.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	144	6,218	$7,722 14
District Synod of Ohio	42	2,200	4,955 89
New York and New England	11	670	670 00
Pittsburgh Synod (Mission Band and Societies)	16	721	1,321 14
Total	213	9,809	$14.669 17

*Report incomplete, since not all the synods gather statistics of missionary societies.

7. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

I. SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property.	Value of Property.
					Ch. Par.	
Anderson, Ind.	St. John	W. J. Finck	97	104	Ch. & Par.	$ 8,500
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark	E. L. Miller	137	88	Church	12,500
Cedarburg, Wis.	Not organized					
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	J. R. E. Hunt	24	96		
Chicago, Ill.	St. John	J. R. E. Hunt	111	110	Church	9,000
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke	M. E. Haberland	65	240	Church	6,300
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul	J. A. Miller	50	62	Ch. & Par.	4,800
Duluth, Minn.	St. John	D. W. Michael	160	225	Ch. & Par.	9,000
Duluth, Minn.	Trinity	J. M. Tise	32	72		
Fargo, N. Dak.	St. Mark	J. A. Zundel	97	174	Ch. & Par.	4,700
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	90	166	Lot	1,300
LaCrosse, Wis.	Holy Trinity		125	229	Ch. & Par.	7,900
Milwaukee, Wis.	Redeemer	W.K.Frick,D.D.	356	200	Church	15,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	W.K.Frick,D.D.		70		
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark	J. Keehley	42	126	Church	4,500
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	198	180	Church	13,500
N. St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark		52	126		2,500
Oregon City, Ore.	Zion	G. Yung	37	39	Ch. & Par.	1,800
Portland, Ore.	St. James	J. A. Leas	114	83	Ch. & Par.	25,111
Racine, Wis.	Holy Communion	G. F. Gehr	212	385	Lot	9,000
St. Paul, Minn.	St. James	F. S. Beistel	95	124	Church	5,000
St. Paul, Minn.	Trinity	C. L. Warster	102	182	Church	3,500
St. Paul, Minn.	St. Stephen	C. L. Warster and F. S. Beistel		53		
Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. Martens	27	24	Ch. & Par.	10,000
San Jose, Cal.	Emanuel	E. Meyer	41	65	Ch. & Par.	3,100
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	61	58	Church	7,000
Spanish Forks, Utah	Holy Trinity		53	22		
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John	C.F.W.Stoever	72	62	Church	3,000
The Dallas, Ore.	Zion	Wm. Brenner	75	79	Ch. & Par.	5,500
Vancouver, Wash.		W. H. Holl	35	65		
Whatcom, Wash.	St. Mark	Th. Schoenberg	12	12		
Total	29.	24.	2572	3521		$180.511

Organized and cared for by the Field Secretary.

Elgin, Ill.			95	80		
Janesville, Wis.	St. Peter		24	33		
Total	2.		119	113		
Grand Total	33.	24.	2992	3999		$208,111

II. SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.

Camas, Wash.		C. F. Boehmer	50			
Ottenheim, Ky.		C. J. Mehrtens	182		Church	
Dresden, N. Dak.		P. Hempel	150		Church	$ 300
San Jose, Cal.		E. Meyer				
Macksburg, Ore.		B. Merz			Ch. & Par.	
Cleveland, Ore.		B. Merz				
Lents, Ore.		B. Merz				
Needy, Ore		B. Merz	165			
New Era, Ore.		B. Merz				
Pleasant Hill, Ore.		B. Merz				
Roseberry, Ore.		B. Merz				
Medford Ore.		F. Sack	20	33		
Grant's Pass, Ore.		F. Sack	5			
Lake Creek, Ore.		F. Sack	36			
Nehalem, Ore.		W. J. Roehmer	75			
Oregon City, Ore.		Geo. Yung	25	22	Frame	2,000
Vernon, B. C.		F. Pempeit	41			
Ellersile, Alta., Can.		H. Hensen				
Gnadenthal, Alta., Can.		H. Hensen	15			
Heimthal, Alta., Can.	St. John	H. Hensen	47		Ch. & 40 acres	300
Leduc, Alta., Can.		H. Hensen	20	10		

II.—Supported by the Board of German Home Missions (Continued).

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Lutherhort, Alta..Can.....	St. Paul.....	H. Hensen	178	....	40 acres & Par.		500
Ft.Saskatchewan,Alta.,Can..	.....	A. Lilge	.....	....	.....		.....
Beaver Hills, Alta.,Can...	.....	A. Lilge	15	....	40 acres		.....
Bruderheim, Alta.,Can....	.....	A. Lilge	25	....	Ch. & 20 acres		.....
Strathcona, Alta., Can.....	.....	G. Poesgen	71	....	Church		2,000
Edmonton, Alta.,Can.....	.....	G. Poesgen	15	....	.....		.....
Witaskiwin, Alta.,Can.....	St. John.....	Geo. Runge	14	....	Ch. & cemetery		500
Witaskiwin (near) Alta.,Can	.....	Geo. Runge	146	....	.....		.....
Duhamel, Alta., Can.....	.....	Geo. Runge	25	....	.....		.....
Lacombe, Alta., Can.....	.....	Geo. Runge	.....	....	.....		.....
Pipestone, Alta.,Can.....	.....	Geo. Runge	.....	....	.....		.....
Red Deer Lake, Alta.,Can.	.....	Geo. Runge	70	....	.....		.....
Edenwald, Assa., Can.....	.....	P. Roehle	135	15	Church		800
Bulgen, Assa., Can.....	.....	P. Roehle	10	....	.....		.....
Davin, Assa., Can.....	.....	P. Roehle	32	....	.....		.....
Indian Head, Alta., Can...	.....	P. Roehle	13	....	.....		.....
Kronen, Assa., Can.....	.....	P. Roehle	43	10	.....		.....
Longlaketon, Assa., Can...	.....	P. Roehle	25	....	.....		.....
Loon Creek, Assa., Can....	.....	P. Roehle	8	....	.....		.....
Strassburg, Assa., Can....	.....	P. Roehle	30	10	.....		.....
Langenburg, Assa., Can.....	St. Paul.....	Vacant	108	54	20 acres & Par.		100
Beresina, Assa., Can.....	.....	Vacant	5	....	.....		.....
Friedfeld, Assa., Can.....	.....	Vacant	43	....	.....		.....
Neudorf, Assa., Can.....	Zion.....	W. Willing	350	....	Ch. & Par.		2,400
Edenland, Assa., Can.....	.....	W. Willing	38	....	.....		.....
Grenfell, Assa., Can.....	.....	W. Willing	11	....	.....		.....
Kittaby, Assa., Can.....	Grace.....	W. Willing	28	....	.....		.....
Pheasant Forks.Assa.,Can.	Redeemer.....	W. Willing	80	....	Church		600
Saltow, Assa., Can.....	.....	W. Willing	9	....	.....		.....
Wolseley, Assa., Can.....	Christ.....	W. Willing	40	....	.....		.....
Emerson, Man., Can.....	.....	H. Becker	.....	....	.....		.....
Friedensthal, Man., Can...	.....	H. Becker	150	....	Church		800
Overstone, Man., Can.....	.....	H. Becker	50	....	.....		.....
Rosenau, Man., Can.....	.....	H. Becker	30	....	.....		.....
Gretna, Man.,Can.....	St. Paul.....	Vacant	180	50	Church		1,700
N.Deutschland,Man.,Can..	.....	Vacant	50	15	.....		.....
Rosenfeld, Man.,Can.....	.....	Vacant	50	15	Church		1,000
Plumas, Man., Can.....	.....	B. Mueller	220	....	.....		.....
Beausejour, Man., Can.....	.....	J. Burgdorf	21	....	.....		.....
Brokenhead, Man., Can....	.....	J. Burgdorf	80	....	.....		.....
Friedensfeld, Man., Can...	.....	J. Burgdorf	10	....	Church		700
Green Bay, Man., Can.....	.....	J. Burgdorf	40	....	.....		.....
Niverthe, Man., Can.....	.....	J. Burgdorf	20	6	.....		.....
Springfield, Man., Can.....	.....	J. Burgdorf	20	....	Church		400
Whitemouth, Man., Can...	.....	J. Burgdorf	60	....	.....		.....
Rostern, Sask., Can.....	Christ.....	H. Walbaum	80	....	Church		1,500
Fulda-Wingart, Sask., Can.	.....	H. Walbaum	9	....	.....		.....
Stony Hill, Sask.,Can.....	.....	H. Walbaum	36	....	.....		.....
Total.....	69 missions.	19 missionaries.	3504	240	.....		$15.600

III. SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT SYNODS.

1. AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Bangor, Me.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....		.....
Brownville, Me.....	Bethel.....	A. H. Hoegberg...	.....	....	.....		.....
Monson, Me.....	Zion.....	A. H. Hoegberg...	70	40	Frame		$ 4,000
Portland, Me.....	Immanuel.....	P. A. Zedren	73	17	Brick		11,000
Keene, N. H.....	.....	P. E. Asley	.....	....	.....		.....
Barre, Vt.....	.....	P. E. Asley	.....	....	.....		.....
Brattlebero, Vt.....	.....	P. E. Asley	60	29	Frame		2,500
Dorchester, Mass.....	.....	J. A. Bernhard ...	.....	....	.....		.....
East Boston, Mass.....	Trinity.....	C. W. Andeer	34	30	.....		.....
Fall River, Mass.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....		.....
Gloucester, Mass.....	.....	H. L. Wilson	12	....	.....		.....
Medford, Mass.....	.....	N. E. Kron	.....	....	.....		.....
New Bedford, Mass.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....		.....
Rockport, Mass.....	.....	H. L. Wilson	.....	....	.....		.....

I.—Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property Ch.	Church Property Par.	Value of Property.
Somerville, Mass.		N. E. Kron					
Woburn, Mass.		N. E. Kron	79	22	Frame		$ 8,700
Newport R. I.	Zion	A. T. Borgendahl	34	8	Frame		5,000
Pawtucket, R. I.	Trinity	A. G. Olsson	36	15	Frame		4,000
South Providence, R. I.							
Centerbrook, Conn.							
Danbury, Conn.							
Deep River, Conn.	Bethel	K. A. Martin	46	20	Frame		2,505
Norwich Conn.	Salem	J. A. Broden	127	38	Frame		7,000
Torrington, Conn.	Bethany	E. A. Zetterstrand					
Washington, Conn.	Trinity	K. A. Martin	57		Frame		3,500
Willimantic, Conn.	Ebenezer	J. A. Broden	123	48	Frame		5,500
Albany, N. Y.							
Astoria, N. Y.	Salem						
Cohoes, N. Y.							
Cornwall, N. Y.							
Corona, N. Y.							
Depew, N. Y.	Emmaus						
East New York, N. Y.	Tabor	J. C. Westlund					
Flushing, N. Y.							
Long Island City, N. Y.	Salem	J. C. Westlund	32	30	Frame		3,000
Millwood, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund					
New Amsterdam, N. Y.							
Newburgh, N. Y.	Olaus Petri	N. W. Swenson	11				
New Rochelle, N. Y.							
Ossining, N. Y.	Zion	G. Nelsenius	18				
Pleasantville, N. Y.	Emanuel		17		Frame		2,100
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.							
Schnectady, N. Y.		A. L. Scott			Lot		1,000
South Brooklyn, N. Y.		J. G. Danielson					
Troy, N. Y.							
West Troy, N. Y.							
White Plains, N. Y.			28				
Yonkers, N. Y.		A. L. Scott					
Elizabeth, N. J.	Bartholomew	H. Johnson	27	18			
East Orange, N. J.	Tabor	N. W. Swenson	65	5	Lot		1,500
Morristown, N. J.							
Newark, N. J.	Emanuel	N. W. Swenson	38	14			
Passaic, N. J.	Ansgarii	A. Aaron	100	50	Frame		2,950
Patterson, N. J.	Zion	A. Aaron	65	30	Frame		2,500
Perth Amboy, N. J.	St. Matthew	H. Johnson					
Plainfield, N. J.	Gethsemane	H. Johnson	23				
Union Hill, N. J.		J. E. Lorimer					
Summit, N. J.	Salem	N. W. Swenson	40		Frame		6,000
Austin, Pa.	Aurora		20	10	Frame		1,380
Costello, Pa.							
Cross Fork, Pa.	Emanuel		83	24	Frame		1,200
New Castle, Pa.	Zion	E. Stark	27	13	Frame		2,000
Oil City, Pa.	Zion	H. Olson	40	25			
Tidlonte, Pa.	Salem	H. Olson	27		Frame		1,500
Wilmington, Del.		O. M. Anderson					
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olof	O. M. Anderson	40	30	Frame		2,600
Washington, D. C.		O. M. Anderson					
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul's		40		Frame		2,000
Michigan City, Ind.	Zion	D. A. Lofgren	127	57	Frame	Frame	7,850
Austin, Ill.	Messiah	J. N. Brandelle	90	75	Frame		3,000
Belvidere, Ill.	Zion	G. A. Ekeberg	106	26	Brick		10,000
Berwin, Ill.	Augustana	A. Ostrom	74	70	Brick		4,500
Biggsville, Ill.	Bethel	Erland Anderson	21				
Blue Island, Ill.	Siloa	A. P. Martin	70	45	Frame		2,500
Cheltenham, Ill.	Tabor		37	103	Frame		3,000
Chicago, Ill.	Nebo	S. A. Sandahl	44	20	Frame		3,000
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Emanuel	A. P. Martin	24	20	Lot		1,500
Clarence, Ill.	Zion	P. Pearson	105	25	Stone		1,750
Cuyler, Ill.	Salem	T. S. Johnston	56	100	Frame		1,500
Danville, Ill.		J. A. Benton	87	39	Frame		1,500
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	E. Anderson	40				
Hyde Park, Ill.							

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor.	A. P. Martin	14	....			
Hegewisch, Ill.	Lebanon.	L. N. Dahlsten	68	90	Frame		3,600
Highwood, Ill.	Zion.	G. K. Stark	37	38	Frame		5,500
Irving Park, Ill.							
Jefferson, Ill.	Emmaus.		53	20	Frame		1,300
La Grange, Ill.		A. Ostrom	101	62	Brick		4,500
Maywood, Ill.		J. N. Brandelle	77	56	Frame		5,500
Morcland, Ill.		J. N. Brandelle					
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda.		75	....	Frame		1,200
Oakdale, Ill.							
Prophetstown, Ill.			116	30	Frame	Frame.	4,500
Rankin, Ill.		P. Pearson	117	75	Frame		3,500
Rockford, Ill.	Emanuel.	C. O. Solberg	186	275	Brick		17,000
Sterling, Ill.	Bethlehem.	J. E. Holzt	20	....	Frame		2,500
Stronghurst, Ill.		Aug. Johnson	49	18			
Summerdale, Ill.	Ebenezer.	T. S. Johnston	56	70	Frame		3,000
Walker Station, Ill.		F. O. Hanson	60	90	Lot		
Waukegan, Ill.	Trinity.	A. Nelson	71	40	Frame		5,500
Baraga, Mich.		J. T. Olander					
Big Rapids, Mich.	Immanuel's.	A. Lindholm	45	30	Frame		1,000
Brevoort, Mich.							
Carney, Mich.		Erik Boman	57	....	Frame		1,200
Cedarville, Mich.		A. S. Hamilton	32	....			
Cheboygan, Mich.			22	12	Frame		650
Colfax, Mich.	Augustana.	A. Lindholm	76	36	Frame		1,000
Crystal Falls, Mich.	Lebanon.	J. J. Hoikka	100	93	Frame		2,500
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem.						
Dollar Bay, Mich.		J. T. O. Olander	60	45	Frame		3,500
Elk Rapids, Mich.	Bethany.				Frame		
Gladstone, Mich.	Ebenezer.	E. J. Norden	61	86	Frame		1,200
Hancock, Mich.		J. T. Olander	27	22	Frame		4,000
Iron River, Mich.	Zion.		38	35	Frame	Frame.	2,700
Ironwood, Mich.	Salem.	N. Gibson	236	347	Frame	Frame.	6,000
Limestone, Mich.							
Mancelona, Mich.	Gustaf Adolf.		40	12	Frame		400
Morley, Mich.	Memorial.	A. Lindholm	25	12	Frame		1,000
Michigamme, Mich.	Bethlehem.	A. E. Monell	63	45	Frame		1,500
Munlssing, Mich.							
Newberry, Mich.	Messiah.		83	30	Frame		2,000
Oscoda, Mich.	Elcazar.		46	48	Frame		1,000
Sault Ste Marie, Mich.		K. J. Peel					
Skandia, Mich.	Emanuel.	F. A. Linder	60	39			
Skanee, Mich.		C. E. Odell	110	61	Frame		2,000
Traverse City, Mich.							
Bayfield, Wis.		C. A. Carlsted	32	34	Frame		1,300
Birch Lake, Wis.	Trinity.	Theol. Student	25	14	Frame		800
Clayton, Wis.	Immanuel.	J. Magny	50	35	Frame		1,200
Eau Claire, Wis.	Immanuel.	A. A. Jacobson	120	50	Frame	Frame.	6,000
Florence, Wis.	Bethlehem.	A. T. Fant	13	50	Frame		900
Glen Flora, Wis.	Saron.		21	....	Frame		1,000
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem.		23	20	Frame	Frame.	1,700
Hudson, Wis.	Zion.	A. Bengtson	65	30	Frame		2,000
Kenosha, Wis.	St. Paul's.	S. N. Elvin	95	40	Frame	Frame.	7,000
Madison, Wis.		D. W. Brandelle	6	....			
Merrill, Wis.		J. A. Carlstrocm	90	40	Frame		2,500
Milwaukee, Wis.	First.	A. P. Monten	26	17	Lot		150
Mosling, Wis.	Zion.	A. E. Hiller	24	8	Frame		1,000
Peshtigo, Wis.	Salem.	A. E. Hiller	215	210	Frame	Frame.	2,500
Phillips, Wis.	Philippi.		24	35	Frame		400
Poplar, Wis.	Bethany.	J. V. Soederman	52	31	Frame		1,400
Port Wing, Wis.		H. Olson	75	53	Frame		2,475
Racine, Wis.		S. N. Elvin	62	30			
Rhinelander, Wis.		J. W. Johnson	93	35	Frame		3,000
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel.	A. J. Malmquist	55	45	Frame—Land		1,600
South Superior, Wis.	Salem.	J. V. Soederman	24	25	Lot		700
Steel Plant, Wis.							
Superior, Wis.	Zion.	J. V. Soederman	54	35	Frame		3,000
Superior, Wis.			16	....	Frame		2,000

I.—Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Washburn, Wis.	Immanuel	C. A. Carlsted	31	41	Frame		1,600
West Superior, Wis.	Bethlehem	J. V. Soederman	62	100	Frame		3,000
White Stone Hill, Wis.							
Wonewoc, Wis.	Elim		31	10	Frame		450
Afton, Minn.			73	30	Frame		1,000
Biwabik, Minn.							
Camden Place, Minn.	Salem	C. O. Olander	60	88	Frame		1,700
Clarissa, Minn.	Immanuel	N. Ohslund	73	50	Frame		1,800
Crookston, Minn.	Immanuel	A. Sand	38	25	Frame		1,000
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity		84	....	Frame	Frame	3,000
Donnelly, Minn.		E. Norsen					
Ely, Minn.							
Eveleth, Minn.	Tabor	P. O. Hanson	45	35	Frame		2,000
Fertile, Minn.	St. John's	S. Sand	70	24	Frame		800
Forest Lake, Minn.		A. F. Almer	137	73	Frame	Frame	3,000
Fosston, Minn.							
Grand Forks, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	L. E. Sjolinder	65	33	Frame		3,000
Hastings, Minn.			86	30	Frame		1,000
Hermon, Minn.		B. O. Berg	89	48	Frame	Frame	2,500
Hibbing, Minn.	Immanuel						
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethsemane	C. O. Olander	71	45	Brick		1,500
Kerkhoven, Minn.	Varnhem	J. W. Lundgren					
Krogness, Minn.	Fridhem	J. Franzen	33	....			
Little Falls, Minn.	Bethel	M. Martinson	102	50	Frame		1,000
McKinley, Minn.							
Maple Ridge, Minn.	Siloa	A. F. Nelson	33	33	Frame		1,100
Merriam Park, Minn.			22	12	Frame		1,200
Milaca, Minn.	Zion	A. Sundberg	35	10	Frame		1,000
Millville, Minn.					Stone		1,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	Ebenezer	P. A. Mattson	258	330	Frame		5,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Paul's	E. O. Stone	259	275	Frame		5,300
Minneapolis, Minn.	Zion	C. O. Olander	122	135	Church		5,600
Minneiska, Minn.			60	40	Frame		1,000
Monticello, Minn.		A. F. Tornell	21	15	Frame		500
Moose Lake, Minn.							
Morris, Minn.		E. Norsen					
North Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem						
Nylunda, Minn.		A. J. Elmer	56	27	Brick		1,800
Preston Lake, Minn.							
Rice Lake, Minn.		J. O. Cavallin	91	50	Frame	Frame	3,250
Scandia Valley, Minn.			22	20	Frame		900
Shaw, Minn.							
Smith Lake, Minn.	Immanuel						
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel		36	60	Frame	Frame	3,000
Sparta, Minn.							
Starbuck, Minn.		E. Norsen					
St. Johns, Minn.		A. J. Elmer	54	20	Frame		600
St. Paul, Minn.	Emanuel	B. Westerlund	110	128	Frame		7,600
St. Paul, Minn.	Bethesda	B. Westerlund	47	32	Frame		1,600
Thirteen Towns, Minn.							
Tinc, Minn.							
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel		19	56	Frame		1,500
Tracey, Minn.	Herlunda	P. E. Fredlund	43	42	Ch. & Par.		3,000
Two Harbors, Minn.	Immanuel	J. D. Nelsenius	126	....	Frame		6,700
Valley City, Minn.		L. W. Gullstrom	16	14	Frame		3,000
Virginia, Minn.	Mamre	P. O. Hanson	13	40	Frame	Frame	3,155
West Duluth, Minn.	Elim	J. A. Krantz	165	144	Frame		8,430
Bismarck, N. D.			32	....	Frame		800
Bottineau, N. D.		P. Hedenstrom					
Cheyenne, N. D.	Augustana	L. E. Gullander	60	....	Lot		800
Fargo, N. D.	Elim	J. Franzen	54	55	Frame	Frame	4,200
Hofva, N. D.		L. W. Gullstrom	40	18	Frame		1,500
Nebo, N. D.		L. W. Gullstrom	38	14	Frame	Frame	2,500
Valley City, N. D.		L. W. Gullstrom	16	14	....	Parsonage	3,000
Wasa, N. D.	Svea	L. W. Gullstrom	36	....			
White Stone Hill, N. D.		A. G. Olson	69	32	Ch. & Par.		1,590
Black Hawk, S. D.	Bethlehem	S. Johnson	32	15			
Carthage, S. D.	Zion	K. Rosenthal	35	10	Frame		1,000

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Central, S. D.							
Charles Mix Co., S. D.	Fridhem	C. J. Peel	40	22	Frame		1,500
Deadwood, S. D.							
Erwin, S. D.	Clara	K. Rosenthal	60	30	Frame		1,200
Lead, S. D.	Augustana	S. Johnson	68	30			
Platte Valley, S. D.		K. J. Peel	48	15			
Sioux Falls, S. D.		G. E. Lindsten	89	35	Frame		3,000
Terraville, S. D.							
Vale, S. D.							
Alberta, Can.	Bethlehem	A. G. Olson					
Battle Lake, Can.	Svea	P. Almgren	11		Frame		1,400
Calgary, Can.							
Fleming, Can.			29	18	Frame		500
New Stockholm, Can.			69		Log		2,500
Panaka, Can.							
Percival, Can.	Immanuel	N. Lehart	55	18	Log		800
Rat Portage, Can.	Bethesda	N. Lehart	94	47	Frame		2,500
Scandinavia, Can.	Bethlehem	K. Rosenthal	67	10	Log	Log	1,913
Svea, Can.							
Tyndall, Can.		J. A. Mattson	24				
Wetaskiwin, Can.	Bethlehem	P. Almgren	18		Frame		2,000
Whitmouth, Can.	Immanuel						
Winnipeg, Can.	Zion	J. A. Mattson	138	60	Frame		15,000
Buxton, Ia.							
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.	Saron	J. B. Idstrom	60	23	Frame		3,829
Cherokee, Iowa.	Bethlehem	C. A. Lindahl	32	10	Frame		2,000
Council Bluffs, Iowa.	Immanuel	J. E. Rydback	53	33	Brick		9,000
Delaware, Iowa.	Immanuel	J. B. Idstrom	46	20	Frame		1,100
Ft. Madison, Ia.		O. Morland					
Lincoln, Iowa.		P. J. Sanden	54	26	Frame		1,500
Marcus, Iowa.	Carmel		72	30	Frame	Frame.	2,000
Meriden, Iowa.	St. Jacobs	C. F. Granere	21				
New London, Iowa.			15		Frame		800
Ruthven, Iowa.		P. J. Sanden					
Shenandoah, Iowa.		G. O. Gustafson	65	16	Frame		1,500
Spencer, Iowa.	Bethesda	P. J. Sanden	19	11	Frame		1,500
Bucklin, Mo.			75	40	Frame	Frame.	1,200
Carl Junction, Mo.							
St. Joseph, Mo.	Elim		37		Brick	Brick	
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane	C. J. Renhard	99	45	Brick		5,500
Springfield, Mo.							
Swedesburg, Mo.			34	20	Frame		1,200
Verona, Mo.			50		Frame	Frame.	800
Banner Co., Neb.	Elim	F. W. Bergquist			Log		
Boyd Co., Neb.	Messiah	V. N. Thoren	41	27	Frame		500
Boyd Co., Neb.	Rosendahl	V. N. Thoren	37	47	Frame		600
Cheyenne Co., Neb.	Smyrna	F. W. Bergquist	20		Log		400
Dahlsberg, Neb.			26	13	Frame	Frame.	1,500
Dawes Co., Neb.	Bethlehem						
Deuel Co., Neb.	Berea	O. A. Johnson	95	20	Frame		2,450
Deuel Co., Neb.	Siloa	O. A. Johnson	27	12	Stone		300
Franklin Co., Neb.	Fridborg						
Fremont, Neb.	Sinai	H.F.H. Hartelius	70	25	Frame		2,100
Greeley Co., Neb.	Concordia	A. G. Ander	56	22	Frame		875
Hartington, Neb.	Emanuel	J. E. Erlander	23	10	Frame		2,051
Kimball, Neb.	Carmel	F. W. Bergquist					
Lincoln, Neb.		E. G. Chinlund	125	66	Frame	Frame.	12,000
Newman's Grove, Neb.	Zion	A. J. Borgstrom	77	35	Frame		4,000
Omaha, Neb.	Salem	C. E. Elving	80	147	Frame		9,000
S. Omaha, Neb.	Gethsemane	J. V. Carlson	21	33			
Swaburg, Neb.	Elim	H.F.H. Hartelius	64		Frame	Frame.	4,800
Valparaiso, Neb.	Ekedahl	E. G. Chinlund	21	10	Frame		1,300
Wahoo, Neb.	Bethlehem	O. J. Johnson	128	72	Frame	Frame.	6,500
Cheyenne, Wyo.		F. W. Bergquist	26	26	Frame		3,500
Rock Springs, Wyo.		F. W. Bergquist	21	11			
Johnstown, Kan.		P. A. Malm	25	30			
Lawrence, Kan.		E. Glad	22		Frame		2,000
Kansas City, Kan.		E. Glad	108	80	Frame		3,500
Ottawa, Kan.			30	15	Frame		2,500

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PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch. Par.	Value of Property.
Page Co., Kan	Bethesda	J. Holcomb	44	18	Ch. & Par.	500
Pittsburg, Kan	Lydia		26	20	Frame	1,200
Sharon Springs, Kan	Saron	J. Holcomb	18	10	Frame	500
Stockholm, Kan	Bethany	J. Holcomb	112	34	Frame	1,200
Trego Co., Kan	Emanuel	C. Walleen	46	17	Stone	2,000
Boulder, Colo	Bethesda		50	40	Brick	3.000
Colorado Springs, Colo		G. E. Youngdahl	74	28	Frame	1,500
Cripple Creek, Colo		P. E. Ording	24	25		
Greeley, Colo						
Golden, Colo			15	21	Ch. Brick	1,500
Georgetown, Colo			5		Ch. Frame	1,000
Idaho Springs, Colo	Zion		30	33	Ch. Frame	1,800
Las Animas, Colo	Bethany		39	20	Ch. Stone	3,000
Longmont, Colo	Elim	J. F. Ahlin	40	12		
Pueblo, Colo	Tabor	G. R. Peterson	77	30	Ch. Stone	5,860
Ryssby, Colo		J. F. Ahlin	84	40	Ch.& Par. Stone	3,000
Victor, Colo		P. E. Ording	45	45		
Chesterville, Tex	Elim		31	15		
El Campo, Tex	Philippi	J. P. Aurelius	148	62	Ch.&Par. Frame	4,500
Galveston, Tex	Zion		70	50	Ch.&Par. Frame	7,000
Ganado, Tex	Salem	J. P. Aurelius	35	32	Ch. Frame	1,100
Georgetown,Tex	Bethel	O. H. Sylvan	3		Ch. Frame	500
Houston, Tex	Trinity		10			
Hutto, Tex		O. H. Sylvan	82	35	Ch.&Par. Frame	4,500
Jackson Co., Tex						
Olivia, Tex	Eden	J. P. Aurelius	35	20	20 Acres	200
Victoria Co.,Tex			9			
Wharton Co., Tex						
Goosberry, Ore	Valby	B. S. Nystrom	42	30	Frame	800
Mist, Ore	Bethlehem	B. S. Nystrom	40	25	Frame	500
Eureka, Cal	Eureka	A. G. Sandell	31	40	Ch. Frame	5,000
Kingsburg, Cal	Concordia	C. M. Esbjorn	77	24	Ch. Brick	5,100
Los Angeles, Cal	Angelica	J. A. Edlund	87		Frame Ch.	13,000
Riverside, Cal	Eden	D. Magnuson	37		Frame Ch.	5,500
Everet, Wash	Zion		42	43		
Hockinson, Wash	Elim		46	15	Frame	700
Powell's Valley, Wash	Saron	B. S. Nystrom	30	30	Frame	750
South Bend, Wash	Ansgarii		12		Ch. Frame	250
Vancouver, Wash	Emaus					
Anaconda, Mont	Zion	S. P. Holmberg	70	38	Ch. Frame	1,000
Bozeman, Mont		J. E. Shipp				
Butte, Mont	Emanuel	J. E. Shipp	48	44	Ch. Frame	5,000
Great Falls, Mont		P. A. Fair				
Hamilton, Mont						
Helena, Mont	St. John's	P. A. Fair	70	25	3 Lots	1,200
Missoula, Mont		J. E. Shipp				
Boise, Idaho		C. E. Bengtson				
Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	C. E. Bengtson	50	28	Church	4,000
Pocatello,Idaho		C. E. Bengtson				
Payette, Idaho		C. E. Bengtson				
Shelley, Idaho	Bethel	C. E. Bengtson				
Bingham, Utah	Bethlehem	O. A. Elmquist	98	27		
Eureka, Utah	Bethel	S. E. Rydberg	54	25		
Ogden, Utah	Elim	O. A. Elmquist	21	38	Ch. & Par.	5,000
Park City, Utah	St. John's	O. A. Elmquist	40	24		
Provo, Utah		S. E. Rydberg	8	14	Ch. & Par.	4,000
Salt Lake City, Utah	Zion	S. E. Rydberg	45	55	Ch. & Par.	25,000
Santaquin, Utah					Ch. Frame	200
Douglas, Alaska		J. A. Levin				
DeLand, Fla		E. J. Werner				
Forest City, Fla		E. J. Werner				
Pierson, Fla	Ebenezer	E. J. Werner			Ch.&Par. Frame	2,000
Oakland, Fla		E. J. Werner				
Oviedo, Fla		E. J. Werner				
Silver Hill, Fla		J. E. Hedberg				
Swea, Fla		J. E. Hedberg				
Upsala, Fla		E. J. Werner			Ch. Frame	1,600
Fruithurst, Ala	Emanuel	J. E. Hedberg	20			
Thorsby, Ala	Concordia	J. E. Hedberg	45	35	Ch. Frame	1,800
Total	355.	171 missionaries.	12912	7405		$615.120

2. CANADA SYNOD.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars	Church Property. Fr.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Arnprior, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis.	B. Christiansen			Frame		$1,500
Admaston, Ont., Can.	St. Jacobus.	B. Christiansen	153	75	Frame		900
Auburn, Ont., Can.	Salem.	E. M. Genzmer	67	26	Frame		1,000
Denbigh, Ont., Can.	St. Paulus.	F. Bredlaw			Frame		1,200
Lyndoch, Ont., Can.	Christus.	F. Bredlaw	175	60			
Plevna, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis.	F. Bredlaw					
Raglan, Ont., Can.	St. Stephen.	F. Bredlaw			Frame		1,000
Draper, Ont., Can.	Nazareth.	C. Schroeder			Log		800
Bracebridge, Ont., Can.		C. Schroeder	80	13			
Maynooth, Ont., Can.		Vacant					
Baneroft, Ont., Can.	Christus.	Vacant	150	65			
Whitney & Barry's Bay, Ca	St. Petri.	Vacant					
Ottawa, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis.	C. Lucas	85	26	Brick		2,000
Petawawa, Ont., Can.	St. Matthew.	Vacant					
Chalk River, Ont., Can.	Trinitatis.	Vacant					
Massey, Ont., Can.	Zion.	Vacant					
Port Elgin, Ont., Can.	Salem.	J. Neudoerfer			Brick		
Southampton, Ont., Can.		J. Neudoerfer	79	24			
Unionville, Ont., Can.	Bethesda (Eng).	S. Stauffer			Frame		1,000
Buttonville, Ont., Can.	St. John (Eng).	S. Stauffer	74	26	Frame		1,000
Total	20 missions.	7 missionaries	863	315			$10,400

3. CHICAGO SYNOD.

Chicago, Ill.	Atonement.	L. P. Pence	28	46			
Chicago, Ill.	St. James.	L. W. Steckel	27	250	Lot		$ 800
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthew.	P. J. Gerberding	89	146	Frame		2,100
Chicago, Ill.	St. Peter.	H. B. Reed	112	244	Brick		5,100
Chicago, Ill.	West 12th St.	J. H. Graf	20	30			
Olney, Ill.	St. Paul.	M. L. Wagner	40	20	Brick		2,000
Alexandria, Ind.	Our Saviour.	J. C. Dietz	42	41	Brick		15,000
Lafayette, Ind.	Zion.	E.D.S.Boyer,Th.St.	27	25			
Mishawaka, Ind.	First Church.	M. E. Boulton	33	52	Brick		10,300
South Bend, Ind.	Holy Trinity.	Wm. Eckert	54	69	Frame		2,700
Syracuse, Ind.	St. Paul.	S. D. Myers	29	40	Frame		1,000
Syracuse, Ind.	Syracuse.	S. D. Myers	20				
Total	12 missions.	11 missionaries.	517	963			$39,000

4. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Ashville, O.	English Lutheran.	J.M.Wenrich,sup'y	67		Frame		$3,700
Coshocton, O.	Emanuel.	H. T. Weber	59	40			1,500
Defiance, O.	Zion.	R. E. M. Engers	114	57	Lot		3,500
Stanley, O.	St. John.	R. E. M. Engers	37	44	Church		1,400
Hamilton, O.		L. J. Baker,Th.St.					
London, O.	St. John.	C. E. Schweikert	51	93	Brick		2,000
Lilly Chapel, O.	Zion.	C. E. Schweikert	27	15	Brick		1,800
Paulding, O.	Trinity.	J.J.S.Rumbarger	38	30	Frame		1,200
Broughton, O.	St. Paul.	J.J.S.Rumbarger	33		Frame		2,500
Charloe, O.	St. John.	J.J.S.Rumbarger	25	40			
Pemberville, O.	Martin Luther.	J. Schmalenbach	90	52	Church		4,000
Portsmouth, O.		Vacant					
Toledo, O.	Grace.	G. W. Schmogrow	138	197	Church		3,500
Toledo, O.	Trinity.	G. W. Schmogrow	70				
West Carrollton, O.	Grace.	F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., supply	40		Frame		1,200
Miamisburg, O.	St. John.	F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., supply	153	62	Brick		2,500
Total	16 missions.	7 missionaries.	942	630			$39,150

5. ENGLISH SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.

Ellsworth, Wis.	Ch. of Our Saviour.	J. J. Clemens	48	49			
Janesville, Wis.	St. Peter.	W.P.Christy,Th.St.	24	28			
Total	2 missions.	2 missionaries.	72	77			

6. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Farmington, N. Y.	St. John	Vacant	156	70	Frame		$2,000
Greenport, L. I., N. Y.	St. Peter	H. Reumann	60	28	Frame		4,000
Hempstead, L. I., N Y.	Epiphany	H. Beiderbecke, Jr.	92	35	Church		7,000
Hollis, L. I., N. Y.	Trinity	J. G. F. Blaesi	32	33	Hall		.....
Kellam, Pa.	.....	O. Lorenz	.....	....	.....		.....
Madison, Conn.	Immanuel	C. Masius	102	28	Frame		600
New Bedford, Mass.	St. John	R. Lucas	62	40	Frame		1,900
Paterson, N. J.	St. John	H. Ocherten	.....	....	Church		.....
Ravena, N. Y.	Trinity	P. Besig	68	42	Frame		3,000
Westfield, Pa.	Zion	J. Witke	50	25	Hall		.....
West Henrietta, N. Y.	Concordia	E. Hingkeldey	50	38	Church		1,800
Williamsbridge, N. Y.	St. Peter	O. Rappolt	80	110	Brick		4,000
Total	12 missions.	11 missionaries.	752	449			$24,300

7. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND.

Brooklyn, N. Y.	Grace	C. F. Intemann	65	135	Frame		$16,500
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Resurrection	H. J. Croushore	63	164	.....		.....
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Grace	G. G. Ruff	64	83	Hall		.....
Elmira, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	John Keehley	53	50	Brick		10,000
Perth Amboy, N. J.	Grace	E. J. Keuling	58	82	Hall		4,000
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	St. John	C. S. Rahn	80	52	Brick		5,000
Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.	St. John	Vacant	30	....	.....		.....
Yonkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	J. W. Smith	34	54	.....		7,000
NOT ASSISTED BY THE SYNOD.							
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Incarnation	W. H. Steinbicker.	53	105	Frame		12,000
Buffalo, N. Y.	.....	E. A. Boeltger	.....	....	.....		.....
Elizabeth, N.J.	Holy Trinity	F. C. Krapf	145	335	Frame		6,380
Total	11 missions.	10 missionaries.	645	1060			$60,880

8. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	G. A. Genzmer	83	75	Frame		$10,000
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew	J.A.Kunkelman	108	112	Frame		15,000
Chiselhurst, N. J.	St. Paul (Ger)	H. Mette	10	12	Frame		800
Folsom, N. J.	St. James (Ger)	H. Mette	100	81	Stone		1,500
Williamstown, N. J.	St. John (Ger)	H. Mette	90	51	Frame		1,(
Egg Harbor, N. J.	Zion (Ger)	O. Lincke	76	165	.....		6,000
Hainesport, N. J.	St. Paul (Ger)	.....	100	65	Brick		1,000
Liberty Park, N. J.	Nazareth (Ger)	Fr. Teegen	100	128	.....		.....
Woodbury, N. J.	St. John (Ger)	Fr. Teegen	30	24	Frame		2,500
Camden, N. J.	Christ	F. I. Paul	.....	....	.....		.....
Magnolia, N. J.	.....	F. I. Paul	.....	....	Frame		2,400
North Cramer Hill, N. J.	Christ (Ger)	P. Kleine	160	186	Frame		5,000
Trenton, N. J.	Ch. of the Saviour	J. C. Mattes	108	116	Stone		10,000
Allentown, Pa.	St. Stephen	Ira W. Klick	150	220	Frame		4,000
Allentown (East), Pa.	St. Joseph	J. W. Mattern	54	175	Frame		5,000
Bernville, Pa.	Friedens	H. L. Straub	.....	....	Church		.....
Carbondale, Pa.	St. Paul	W. L. Seibert	50	45	Frame		7,400
East Bangor, Pa.	Grace	G. S. Kleckner	100	140	Frame		5,000
Gouldsboro, Pa.	Grace	.....	60	64	Frame		3,000
Great Bend, Pa.	Trinity	M. J. Bieber	28	26	Frame		1,500
Jersey Shore, Pa.	Zion	C. D. Zweier	54	65	Frame		2,000
Locust Valley, Pa.	St. Peter	J. K. Sullenberger	31	50	Frame		2,000
Quakake, Pa.	Ascension	J. K. Sullenberger	66	150	Frame		2,000
Rush Twp., Pa.	Christ	J. K. Sullenberger	186	236	Frame		5,000
Lopez, Pa.	Trinity	Vacant	73	4	.....		.....
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John	Vacant	18	75	Frame		2,000
Mt. Carmel, Pa.	St. Matth., Slav.	Vacant	55	16	.....		.....
Mt. Joy, Pa.	Trinity	Vacant	152	144	Stone		10,000
North Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen	H. A. Kunkle	60	125	Frame		3,000
Noxen, Pa.	St. Luke	O. F. Ettwein	64	219	Frame		3,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Atonement	W. L. Stough	200	283	Stone		20,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Cross, German	W. R. M. Oeser	293	....	Stone		60,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Incarnation	N. R. Melhorn	221	221	Stone		23,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Norwegian	.....	.....	....	Hall		.....
Philadelphia, Pa.	Our Saviour	C. M. Sandt	55	159	Hall		.....

8. Ministerium of Pennsylvania (Continued).

PLACE.	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Philadelphia, Pa	Resurrection	C. E. Dozer	103	224	Church		15,000
Philadelphia, Pa	St. Barnabas	Sup. by Students			Church		
Philadelphia, Pa	St. John, Danish		25				
Philadelphia, Pa	Transfiguration	A. C. Carty	119	228	Brick		6,500
Philadelphia (West), Pa	The Covenant						
Philadelphia, Falls, Pa	Redeemer	G. A. Kercher	80	153	Hall		
Phila., Frankford, Pa	Salem	F. Miller	100	160	Frame		3,000
Phila., Germantown, Pa	St. Thomas (Ger)	H. P. Fresemann	200	90	Stone		8.000
Phila., Germantown, Pa	The Mediator						
Phila., Olney, Pa	Tabor, German	Ph. Lamerdin	178	90	Frame		7,000
Phila., Olney, Pa	Zion						
Phila., Tacony, Pa	German Lutheran	A. Biemueller	110	84	Ch. & Par.		10,000
Bristol, Pa	German Lutheran	A. Biemueller	80	66			
Pine Grove, Pa	St. Peter	H. M. Schofer	130	89	Stone		1,000
Dows, Pa	St. Mark, German	H. M. Schofer	28	100	Frame		4,000
Pinegrove Twp., Pa	St. Matthew	H. M. Schofer	22	66			
Port Carbon, Pa	St. Paul	C. W. Eberwine	156	166	Frame		
Middleport, Pa	St. Paul	C. W. Eberwine	130	82	Stone		3,000
Reading, Pa	Bethany	W. A. Snyder	120	175	Stone		5,000
Wernersville, Pa	Trinity	W. A. Snyder	106	104	Brick		8,000
Richfield, Pa	Richfield	E. E. Gilbert	80		Frame		1,500
Monroe Twp., Pa	St. Peter	E. E. Gilbert	25		Frame		1,200
Perry Twp., Pa	Zion	E. E. Gilbert	18		Frame		1,100
Sayre, Pa	St. John	E. M. Beysher	124	122	Frame		3,600
Scranton, Pa	Christ, German	J. D. C. Witke	225	200	Brick		6,000
Scranton, Pa	St. Mark	A. L. Ramer, Ph.D	290	185	Frame		10,000
Scranton, Pa	St. Paul		40	78			
S. Williamsport, Pa	Christ, German	Paul Ludwig	128	80	Frame		
Steelton, Pa	Trinity, German	E. Metzenthin	175	120	Frame		3,200
Strasburg, Pa	St. Michael	G.W.McClanahan	120	102	Brick		9,000
Sunbury, Pa	St. Luke	J.N. Wetzler, D.D.	300	218	Brick		6,000
Tower City, Pa	St. Paul	W. F. Bond	238	248	Frame		3,500
Orwin, Pa	St. Peter	W. F. Bond	71	133	Frame		2,000
Wilkesbarre, Pa	Christ	H. F. J. Seneker	231	219	Frame		6,500
Wanamie, Pa	St. Luke	H.F.J.Seneker	19	57	Frame		300
Packerton, Pa	Zion	W. F. Rex	63	127			
Palmerton, Pa	Trinity	W. F. Rex	40	96			
Shillington-Edison, Pa	Grace	F.F.Buermeyer,D.D					
Oakbrook, Pa		F.F.Buermeyer,D.D					
The following Missions are not assisted by the Board of Missions.							
Cornwall, Pa	Salem	Vacant			Frame		3,500
Fountain Hill, Pa	St. Paul	J.A.Bauman, Ph.D.	89	216	Brick		3.500
Lancaster, Pa	Christ	J. W. Richards	459	400	Brick		30,000
Reading (east), Pa	Faith	Vacant	52	72	Brick		2,500
Reading (west), Pa	Peace	Vacant	72	103	Brick		2,500
Wilkesbarre, Pa	Trinity	J. F. Beates	30	100	Frame		3,300
Total	80 missions.	49 missionaries.	7510	7777			$383.000

9. PACIFIC SYNOD.

Everett, Wash	Eng. not organized.	H. A. W. Yung					
Whatcom, Wash	Eng. organized	Theo. Schoenberg					
Smelter, Wash	Eng. organized	C. F. W. Stoever	26	38	Frame		$1.000
Nehalem, Ore	Ger. organized	Wm. Roehmer	25				
Vancouver, Wash	Eng. & Ger. org'zed	Wm. F. Holl	30	60			2,000
Total	5 missions.	5 missionaries.	81	98			$3.000

10. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Allegheny, Pa	Emanuel	Chas. K. Fegley	87	75	Frame		$10,000
Beaver Falls, Pa	Christ	J. L. Fischer	146	185	Frame		8,000
Braddock, Pa	Trinity	W. E. Bauer	53	45	Frame		7,000
Pitcairn, Pa	St. Luke	W. E. Bauer	24	35			
Bridgeport, Ohio	Trinity	A. C. Sumons	75	118			
Bridgeville, Pa	Zion, German	H. A. Ziel	90	45	Brick		5,000
Conneaut, Ohio	Grace	C. E. Blethen	36	57			
Cleveland, Ohio	Holy Trinity	A. L. Benze	80	100	Frame		7,000

10. Pittsburg Synod (Continued).

PLACE	NAME.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Corry, Pa	St. Paul	R.E.McDanielPh.D	62	53	Frame		2,500
East Liverpool, Ohio	St. John, German	J. G. Reinertz	75	149	Brick		17,000
Ellwood, Pa	St. Mark	A. P. Lentz	50	50	Church		3,000
Ellwood, Pa	Zion	A. P. Lentz	40	35			
Ellwood Parish	Trinity	A. P. Lentz	85	60			
West Johnsonburg, Pa	St. John, German	J. H. Orr	86	56	Frame		3,500
Johnsonburg, Pa	St. Paul, German	J. H. Orr	14	15	Church		
Monaca, Pa	Redeemer	R. G. Rosenbaum	128	140	Brick		7,000
Logstown, Pa	House of Prayer	R. G. Rosenbaum	37	35	Frame		2,000
Morgantown, W. Va	St. Paul	J. A. Boord	54	58	Frame		6,000
New Castle, Pa	St. John	J. H. Miller	156	50	Frame		13,000
Natrona, Pa	St. Peter	E. H. Kohn	61	57	Brick		5,000
North East, Pa	St. Peter	C. L. V. Dozer	60	50	Brick		6,000
Parkersburg, W. Va	St. John, German	L. O. Hammer	90	60			3,400
Red Hill W. Va	St. Paul, German	L. O. Hammer	20	40			1,000
Reynoldsville, Pa	Trinity	J. W. Myers	64	32	Frame		3,000
Chestnut Grove, Pa	Chestnut Grove	J. W. Myers	83	80	Frame		2,000
Saltsburg, Pa	St. John	W. A. Lambert	43	25	Brick		5,000
Fenneltown, Pa	St. James	W. A. Lambert	57	43	Church		5,000
Tarentum, Pa	Grace	E. O. Graham	42	53	Frame		4,000
Springdale, Pa	St. Mark	E. O. Graham	40	45	Frame		3,000
Verona, Pa	Trinity	I.M.Wallace, Ph.D.	70	70			
New Kensington, Pa	St. Paul	I.M.Wallace, Ph.D.	34	51	Frame		3,000
McKees Rocks, Pa	St. John, German	J. H. Tarnedde	167	64	Frame		4,500
McDonald, Pa	McDonald, German	J. H. Tarnedde	121	42	Church		2,000
McKean, Pa		E. J. Meisner	40	39	Church		3,000
Cambridge Springs, Pa		E. J. Meisner					
South Sharon, Pa	Grace	J. A. Frischkorn	20	35	Church		5,000
Youngwood, Pa	St. Luke's	W. A. Bilheimer	40	60	Church		8,000
	Supported by Congregations.						
Erie, Pa	St. Stephen	C. T. Benze					
Erie, Pa	Mission	C. T. Benze					
Fairview, W. Va		J. A. Boord	20	20			
	40 missions.	25 missionaries.	2450	2227			$153,900

RECAPITULATION.—GENERAL COUNCIL MISSIONS.

1. Home Missions Supported by	No. of Missionaries.	Number of Missions.	Members.	Sunday School Scholars.	Value of Church Property.
Board of English Home Missions (English)	24	33	2992	3999	$208,111
Board of German Home Missions (German)	19	69	3504	240	15,600
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	171	355	12912	7405	615,120
Canada Synod (German and English)	7	20	863	315	10,400
Chicago Synod (English)	11	12	517	963	39,000
District Synod of Ohio (English)	7	16	942	630	39,150
English Synod of Northwest	2	2	74	77	
Ministerium of New York (German)	11	12	752	449	24,300
Synod of New York and New England (English	10	11	645	1060	60,880
Ministerium of Pennsylvania (Eng. and Ger.)	49	80	7510	7777	383,000
Pittsburgh Synod (English and German)	25	40	2450	2227	153,900
Pacific Synod (English and German)	5	5	81	98	3,000
Total	341	655	33242	25040	$1,552,461

2. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Alabama	2	Illinois	40	Montana	7	South Dakota	11
Alaska	1	Indiana	9	Nebraska	20	Texas	11
British Columbia	1	Iowa	13	New Hampshire	1	Utah	9
California	6	Kansas	9	New Jersey	28	Vermont	2
Canada, Dominion of	66	Kentucky	1	New York	38	Washington	14
Colorado	11	Maine	4	North Dakota	11	West Virginia	4
Connecticut	8	Maryland	1	Ohio	20	Wisconsin	36
Delaware	1	Massachusetts	11	Ontario	20	Wyoming	2
District of Columbia	1	Michigan	27	Oregon	19	Total	655
Florida	8	Minnesota	60	Pennsylvania	107		
Idaho	5	Missouri	7	Rhode Island	3		

3. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE.

A. ENGLISH MISSIONS.

SYNODS	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	10	458
Canada Synod	2	74
Chicago Synod	18	949
District Synod of Onio	16	942
English Synod of Northwest	17	1459
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	60	5347
New York and New Eng. Synod	13	980
Pacific Synod	13	553
Pittsburgh Synod	32	1787
Total	181	12,549

B. GERMAN MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Canada Synod	18	789
Manitoba Synod	53	2850
Ministerium of New York	13	934
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	17	2083
Pacific Synod	17	472
Pittsburgh Synod	8	663
Total	126	7791

C. SWEDISH

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Augustana Synod	345	12,882

D. DANISH, NORWEGIAN, SLAVONIAN.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	3	80
Grand Total	655	33242

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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OPENING SERVICE.

The Thirtieth Convention of "The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America" was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, (the Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., pastor,) commencing on Thursday morning, October 12, 1905.

The Confessional Service, held at 10 a. m., was conducted by the Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., the German Recording Secretary, assisted by the Rev. Mahlon C. Horine, D.D., the Rev. Prof. Jacob P. Uhler, Ph.D., and the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D. Following this service, the full Order of Morning Service was conducted by the same brethren, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., President, preaching the sermon. The text was John 16:7-13, and the theme, **"The Spirit, the Church, and the Word in Their Work in God's World."** The Lord's Supper was then administered to the delegates and visiting brethren.

FIRST SESSION.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,

Thursday, October 12, 1905, 2.30 P. M.

The President of the General Council formally opened the convention for the transaction of business, according to the "Order for the Opening of Synods."

In the absence of the English Recording Secretary, the Rev. Prof. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., the Rev. Wm. L. Hunton, Ph.D., of Chicago, was made Secretary *pro tem.*

The calling of the roll being in order, it was, on motion of J. Boyd Duff, Esq.,

Resolved, That the President be authorized to enroll duly accredited delegates from the rolls as presented through the proper officials.

ROLL OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

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" Louis Lindenstruth.	T. D. Fritch.
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" I. Chantry Hoffman.	
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" George Drach.	
" C. F. Wm. Hoppe.	
" James F. Beates.	
" Franklin K. Bernd.	
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" Charles A. Kerschner.	
" Carl Goedel.	
" Adolph Hellwege.	—47.

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" Emil C. J. Kraeling.	
" W. Sanft.	—11.

III. Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
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" Duncan M. Kemerer.	
" M. Luther Zweizig.	
" Gustave A. Benze.	
" Henry W. Roth, D.D.	
" C. Theodore Benze.	—16.

IV. Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
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" Ferdinand W. E. Peschau, D.D.	W. H. Bishop.
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V. Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

Clerical.

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" August T. Fant.
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Andrew P. Melquist.

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VI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

Clerical.

Rev. Emil Hoffmann, *ex-officio.*

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VII. Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Clerical.

Rev. Luther Hogshead, *ex-officio.*
" Hiram Peters, D.D.
" Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D.
" Austin D. Crile.
" William L. Hunton, Ph.D., Alt.

Lay.

Charles T. A. Anderson.
Martin L. Deck.
Oren J. Waters, M.D.
Peter J. Brock.

—8.

VIII. English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

Clerical.

Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt, *ex-officio.*
" William K. Frick, D.D.

Lay.

Hon. Charles A. Smith.
Herman Mueller.

—4.

IX. German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

No delegate present.

X. Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Clerical.

Rev. Hermann A. W. Yung.

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XI. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. William F. Bacher, *ex-officio.*	Hon. Henry Martin.
" C. Armand Miller, D.D.	Henry Schwabeland.
" Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D.	Adolph Pfender.
" Theodore W. Kretschmann, Ph.D.	

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XII. Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nova Scotia.

No delegate present.

Number of Delegates Present.

Clerical, 110. Lay, 53. Total, 163.

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

From the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa and Other States.

Rev. Pres. Friedrich Richter, D.D., Clinton, Iowa.

From the General Synod.

Rev. Prof. Samuel F. Breckenridge, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

From the Icelandic Synod.

Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, Minneota, Minn. —3.

Names of Visiting Clergymen in the Unity of the Faith with the General Council.

Rev. Asbjorn C. Anda.
" Perry E. Baisler.
" Lewis J. Baker.
" Merrell E. Boulton.
" Elmer D. S. Boyer.
" Wm. Passavant Christy.
" John J. Clemens.
" Zenan M. Corbet.
" Olaus O. Eckardt.
" William Eckert.
" William H. Fehr.
" George J. Fritschel.
" Herman L. Fritschel.
" Prof. John Fritschel.
" G. Franklin Gehr.
" Horace K. Gebhart.
" J. O. 'Glenn.
" Michael E. Haberland.
" Charles H. Hemsath.
" John G. Hoerlein
" Frank E. Jensen.
Rev. Ernest J. E. Kuhlmann.
" Luther M. Kuhns.
" Henry K. Lantz.
" Oscar L. Larson.
" Ole H. Lee.
" John N. Lenker, D.D.
" L. Malmberg.
" Henderson N. Miller, Ph.D.
" Linden P. Pence.
" Otto Pett.
" Alexander Phillippi, D.D.
" Prof. Alfred Ramsey.
" Albert J. Reichert.
" Harry B. Reed.
" Prof. William A. Sadtler, Ph.D.
" Curtis G. Stacy.
" Gustav Stearns.
" William L. Steckel.
" George H. Trabert, D.D.
" John L. Waidelich.

The President read his official report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN: In this lake metropolis, a full thousand miles northwest of New York, and two full thousand miles east of Portland; built largely by the industry of German and Scandinavian citizens of our faith; and in the midst of its own greatest mission field, ripe unto the harvest, in a congregation which is its own child, the General Council of the Lutheran Church in North America is today opening its thirtieth Convention; and will, we trust, make some preparation to celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 1907, two years from hence.

DEATHLESS AMID CHANGES.

To await the coming of the half century, as would be natural, under ordinary circumstances, before taking any festal retrospect into the past, might deprive us of the presence (as, alas, was the case with the Jubilee of the Iowa Synod) of those venerable founders whom God has spared unto this day, and for whose life we are profoundly grateful.

Of the five men who issued the memorable call "to all Evangelical Lutheran Synods, Ministers, and Congregations in the United States and Canada, which confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession" on the 10th of August, 1866, Dr. Charles P. Krauth died twenty-two years ago; Dr. W. J. Mann died thirteen years ago; Dr. C. W. Schaeffer died nine years ago; Dr. J. A. Seiss was taken a year and a half ago. The only surviving member of the memorable Committee is its chairman, the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel, whom we hoped to have with us today.

Of the delegation of the Pennsylvania Ministerium to the convention then called, B. M. Schmucker, S. K. Brobst, C. F. Welden are dead; and the only survivors are Dr. Krotel and Dr. Laird. Not one layman of that original Pennsylvania delegation has survived.

Of the original Ohio delegation, G. W. Mechling is the only survivor. Of the New York and Pittsburg delegations all are dead except H. W. Roth.

The First, or Fort Wayne Convention of the General Council held in 1867, which included such men as Prof. Hasselquist, and Dr. Greenwald, has no survivors except the three or four mentioned above.

Of the Pennsylvania Ministerium delegates to the second Convention at Pittsburgh, in 1868, which included such men as A. T. Geissenheiner, J. F. Fahs, B. W. Schmauk, only Drs. J. Fry and A. Spaeth remain. Not one

from the New York, Pittsburg, Ohio, and the Augustana delegations remain, except those mentioned above.

Nearly all the delegates to the Third Convention at Chicago, and to the fourth Convention at Lancaster, and to the fifth Convention at Rochester, and to the sixth at Akron in 1872 are dead.

Only twelve clerical delegates remain of the Seventh Convention at Erie, where Dr. Norelius became a delegate; and the same thing may be said substantially of the Convention at Jamestown.

The ninth Convention at Galesburg adds a few to the survivors but the eleventh Convention at Philadelphia in 1877, and the twelfth at Zanesville in 1878, add no new survivors.

We are reminded in another startling way of the rapid change in personality which is coming over our body. During the past two years, no less than three Ex-Presidents of the General Council have died: Dr. Moldenke, of New York; Dr. Swensson, of Bethany; Dr. Seiss, of Philadelphia, with Dr. Seip, of Muhlenberg, who presided at the opening of the Convention in 1895. Other deaths such as those of Dr. O. Olson, Dr. Frank Richards, Dr. J. Steinhaeuser, Rev. G. E. Youngdahl, Rev. W. F. Ulery, G. W. Frederick, publisher of the old Lutheran, and many General Council Lutheran books, and others, may be recalled in this connection.

The departure of Dr. Seiss, who was connected so extensively with General Council interests, leaves many vacancies. He was at the time of his death, President of the Board of English Home Missions of the General Council, President of the Board of Trustees of the General Council, chairman of the Church Book Committee, and President of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society. In addition, he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Mt. Airy, and there was no large or general interest of the Lutheran Church which was foreign to his heart.

"But the General Council itself does not die," said Dr. C. W. Schaeffer at the opening of its second Convention. Said he, "It lives as long as there is work to be done for the Lord and His Church, as long as a noble and hearty testimony has to be borne for the pure doctrine of the Word."

"The General Council," said Dr. G. F. Krotel, at the opening of the fourth Convention, "knew at the time of its organization that much remained to be done to make this faith a living power in every congregation. It remembered that the Gospel itself, in

the early Church, did not immediately bring about perfect unity in practice and usage, and that great changes were wrought by the gradual but sure leavening power of the truth."

"Our General Council," said Dr. C. P. Krauth, in what may be regarded as his dying message to this body, "has borne rich fruit for God's glory and the future of the Church. Most of all has she done a great work in that testimony for which she has been most assailed. . . . May God keep her steadfast in the assertion of principle. God bless the Council and the brethren."

In opening the same fourteenth Convention, Dr. Spaeth said, "It must be more than ever manifest to every one, that in the Providence of God our General Council has its great mission to fulfil. Let us be found worthy of this time and ready to meet its call, being firmly rooted in the pure faith of the fathers, and starting out on a new race of zealous evangelistic work among the children of our 'Zion'."

THE ONE CONSERVATIVE LUTHERAN BODY.

The future work of the General Council will devolve more and more upon the second generation, and by them and by all Lutherans in this land, two facts should not be forgotten:

The first is this, that the General Council is the one conservative Lutheran body in this country, accepting unreservedly both the Confessions and the history of the Church. As over against any radicalism, which would cut away the Confessional fullness of our Lutheran Church, or which would make a syncretistic combination between parts of our heritage and other doctrinal elements in America which are not our own, the General Council stands firmly for the complete and concordant sum of Lutheran truth. With equal firmness does it accept and build upon the historical past, both in Europe and in this country, and avoid that other radicalism which, instead of purging the hay, straw and stubble from the old foundations, would begin, without just recognition of the good that is in the past, to erect, by means of an exclusive ecclesiastical organization, a new Lutheranism, without regard to any previous or contemporary work of Providence in the land.

The General Council is not chiefly constrained to preserve its own organization, or to subserve the development or preservation of any school of theology, of any body of emigrants, or of

any strain of blood. Its professed purpose from the beginning has been to build upon the foundation of pure doctrine a true and Catholic Lutheran Church, with no desire for the rule of any school of theology, or any ecclesiastical party.

This gives the General Council its ecumenical character and outlook, and its safe and central hold upon the future. It accepts the one foundation solely and unreservedly, and upon this it devotes itself to the upbuilding of our Church in this land. It recognizes all the good in the historical development of the past; and recognizes the evil also; but it refuses to destroy the good in order that it may thereby also be enabled to burn out the evil.

The attitude of Luther toward the Catholic Church in the Sixteenth Century is the attitude of the General Council toward all forms of Lutheranism today. It would conserve the past and upbuild the future on the basis of a sound faith. Its depth is the depth of salvation which is in Christ Jesus. Its length is the length of history, and its breadth is the breadth of our own land and our own time.

REASONS FOR THE PERMANENCE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

There is one other fact that should be emphasized at this Convention and before the Church at large. It is that the General Council is here to stay. Perhaps our fathers were cautious, and, leaning on God's Word, in walking through the darkness from step to step, refrained from making any large prophecies as to the future; and perhaps their children have been brought up in the same cautious manner. Perhaps the bonds and ties drawing us together into one body were felt to be loose, and not able to permanently withstand the demands of a multiplicity of apparently contradictory interests. Perhaps there were some, East and West, who felt that in view of the limitations to freedom which were being imposed by a general organization on the basis of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, it might be as well to dissolve the bonds that had been so painfully knit together, and to let each section of territory—East, Center, and West—and each language, shift for itself, or amalgamate with those contiguous to it, even though they be not on the basis of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession.

But we no longer feel so. As in the times of our fathers, so today, once again, General Council Lutherans feel more strongly

than ever that their organization is not a mere piece of ecclesiastical expediency, necessary, or at least tolerable, for a certain epoch; but sure to decay, or to be dissolved at will in the future. The sense of loyalty to the great aims of the General Council, the sense of what has actually been accomplished, the sense of brotherhood among those who differ even most widely within it, the look at the divided condition of our Church which prevails outside the general bodies, and above all the deeply begotten confidence that our fathers builded better than they knew; and that the hand of God has been with them up to the present moment, is establishing our purpose of loyalty and love.

The weakness of independent and divided Lutheran congregations and Synods in this country is a warning in the history of the past. The ineffectiveness of Intersynodical Conferences, conducted outside of any direction or responsibility—which indeed were proposed as a substitute for the organization of the General Council in 1866, and which the General Council then opposed as such—has been demonstrated from the earliest history of these disputations in the Lutheran Church down to the very latest.

The general body, on the basis of the pure Confessions, such as we have in the General Council itself, meets the case of the Lutheran Church in this land. Few of us can realize the great loss that would come to ourselves, to the whole Lutheran Church, and to the Protestant Church throughout the world, if this fabric of our fathers were to perish.

By the grace of God it shall not. It has a foundation deep as God's saving truth. It has ways that are guileless. It has a motive that is pure and exalted above all selfish considerations. It has a scope that is broad as this nation. It has duties that are great and pressing. It has a history and has borne results that will live in ages to come. It has an outlook that never was so great or so hopeful.

True to doctrine, and true to history, standing midway between extremes of both kinds, it seeks the welfare of the whole Lutheran Church. The forces it exerts are conservative and constructive.

While it would rejoice to see all sound Lutherans in this country gathered into its fold, yet it would have no Lutheran pastor, congregation or Synod be untrue to its own convictions; and its

attitude toward Lutherans without, where cordial, should not be mistaken for a desire to attempt to secure amalgamation. Doing the Lord's work, and not seeking its own aggrandizement, it is content to follow His will, and has no plans of ecclesiastical conquest.

ON MISSION TERRITORY.

The General Council is meeting today for the first time in many years, since 1888 in fact, on its Mission territory. And we should take some pains and patience to make our meeting this year helpful and strengthening to the great English work undertaken by the English Synod of the Northwest, and to the vast Swedish and Swedish-English work that is before the Augustana Synod. We should enter with sympathy and enthusiasm into the trials of these dear brethren, and rejoice with them in their triumphs. Twenty years ago, according to "The Lutheran," this General Council had only a solitary Church, an Infant Mission of the Augustana Synod, to represent it in the whole State of Wisconsin.

If it be true that over half the population of our great and growing cities is made up of lapsed Lutherans and worldlings of persuasions and non-persuasions, the call for English Mission work to all Lutheran bodies on this territory, including the General Council itself, is a serious one. Now, while we are on the ground, let us do what we can to impress ourselves and our people with the importance of this sphere of our work.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY YEAR IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

We are this year celebrating a notable anniversary in the Lutheran Church, and one which the General Council, more than others, has special occasion to hold in memory with thanksgiving and joy. It is the 375th Anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, which took place on June 25, 1530, and the 325th of the completion of the whole Book of Concord, which was issued for the first time on June 25, 1580. We direct attention to a paper prepared by Dr. Spaeth on this subject, twenty-five years ago, and published for the first time in English in the October number of the "Lutheran Church Review" of this year.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Our constitution declares that the President "shall make it the object of his special care that the Constitution be observed, and that the resolutions of the General Council be carried out."

Article I of the Constitution states, as the first and foremost of all the powers and duties of the General Council, that the General Council is "to guard the purity of the Faith." Since the Principles of Faith and of Church Polity are, in addition, expressly made a part of the Constitution, according to the interpretation here followed, the President, as the organ of the General Council, subject always to its will and guidance, is especially charged with the duty of conserving and fostering the doctrinal principles of this body, and the purity of the Faith.

After the earlier or formative stage of the General Council had passed, and while the Constitution was fresh in the minds of its originators, naturally there was need of saying very little in this direction, and the President's Reports were brief statements of the fragmentary correspondence received by the President. In later years, inasmuch as such a report proved to be neither a broad, profound nor inspiring beginning of the proceedings, the Presidents began to enlarge in the line of touching on general religious questions of the nation and the day. These portions of the reports, often vague, and sometimes criticised, were nevertheless listened to with the deepest interest; and the General Council gradually came to look for, if not to demand some representative utterances by its President, apart from the sermon, which should declare to the community briefly what this great Body stands for; and which should be more or less of a keynote of the particular meeting just ahead, lifting it, if possible, to an adequate scale.

Your President, believing that it is far more possible in this generation than it was at the beginning, to rely on a united and loyal Lutheran consciousness in the General Council; and believing also that it will become increasingly more necessary as the years pass, to keep the body in living touch with its fundamental principles; and believing that this is the main work of the President, apart from guiding business deliberations, has taken this position in the present report.

If the position is a mistaken one, he trusts and knows that the General Council will declare its judgment.

PARISH EDUCATION.

This is the one great work of the General Council not yet thoroughly established. The Education Committee intends to report great progress in supervising the preparation of teaching Deaconesses in large numbers for the care of very little ones in congregational Christian Kindergartens; and that as a result of the recommendation of the General Council, the Mary J. Drexel Home signified its willingness and intention to arrange a training course for such parochial teachers, to the meeting of the

Ministerium of Pennsylvania; and that the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses, Pa., has indicated the same purpose.

On August 24, 1905, the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, secretary of this Body, placed in my hands the action taken by his Board at its annual meeting July 1, 1904, based upon the recommendation of the General Council at Norristown, that Deaconess Motherhouses train young women as parish teachers of our little ones. After the General Council's action was read to the Board of Protestant Deaconesses by Rector Fritschel, it was, after consideration,

Resolved, That this Board will arrange for the technical and practical training of women for Kindergarten work in connection with the regular course of instruction already in existence so soon as qualified applicants offer themselves for this work.

Resolved, That Rector Fritschel, Sister Martha Gensike, and Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D., be appointed a cimmittee to submit to this Board a plan outlining the manner by which the present course of instruction may be arranged to meet the requirements of such Kindergarten teachers.

Resolved, That the churches be earnestly requested to help provide for the maintenance of the Motherhouses engaged in the training of these teachers.

We suggest the desirability of a uniformity of training courses in all our institutions under the general supervision of the Education Committee of the General Council.

THE DEACONESS WORK.

To save and strengthen the souls, and to care for the minds and bodies of the helpless, while keeping one's self unspotted from the world; and to do all this in a systematic or institutional way is what America calls "practical Christianity." The Deaconess work attempts to use the tender hand of woman, animated not by the thought of self-support or of gain, but by the love of the Lord Jesus, in this service. The Lutheran Church is the pioneer and the mother of modern deaconess work both in Europe and in America. It is true, that she has not carried out this perfect service of Christian love in a manner commensurate with her opportunities so that it might be a concomitant of all congregational life.

Yet some progress has been made. It was as late as 1836 that Fliedner founded the first Motherhouse for Deaconesses. Thirteen years later he journeyed to America with four deaconess sisters who came at the request of the sainted Dr. Passavant, one of the founders of the General Council, to take charge of the Hospital in Pittsburg. Thirty-five years later, that is twenty years ago, the Kaiserswerth Union had grown to 5000 deaconesses, 53 motherhouses, and 1400 fields of labor, with an annual income

of $1,250,000. Today the Kaiserswerth Union reports 16,000 deaconesses, 82 motherhouses, more than 6000 fields and an annual income of $2,500,000. In America there are eight Lutheran Motherhouses, located in Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Brooklyn, Chicago, Omaha and St. Paul, Minn., with 200 deaconesses at work in 35 fields of labor. But like the five loaves and two fishes, "What are these among so many?" May the Lord awaken His Church, through the faithful preaching of the Word, to an insight into its duty in the deaconess work; so that not only the patients in our hospitals; but the sick ones in our homes; and above all, the children in our congregations will be under their Christian training and care.

THE EMIGRANT MISSION WORK.

We rejoice with our Emigrant Mission Board in the completion of the new General Council Emigrant House, which towers above its neighbors at No. 4 State street, as a city set on a hill at the gateway into which our brethren from the Old World are entering. Splendid for situation and perfect in appointments, it is a credit to the General Council and to the whole Church, and a monument to the zeal of its faithful and faith-filled management.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

The colleges of our Church are making a brave, and, indeed, a successful struggle against the conditions that confront them. The three Theological Seminaries and eight Colleges are preparing 1,009 young men to be ministers, and 909 persons to be lay members of our congregations. These are indeed hopeful figures. The progress of our Church can be measured pretty accurately by the number of self-denying men who yearly take up the Ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, not as a profession, but with a self-denying and missionary spirit. In our age as in all others, the Church needs heroes. And they do her best work.

THE WORK OF CIRCULATING EVANGELICAL TRUTH THROUGH THE PRESS.

"The Lutheran," as the organ of the General Council, has been doing great things for Christ's Church and this body. Its able editorship has been pouring a steady stream of sound spiritual life into thousands of hearts and homes, and has been quietly strengthening our work within by staying the faith, rebuking the sin, awakening the love and loyalty, and opening the hands of the members of our Synods; and by gaining for the General Council a wide respect from those without. Under the limitations of its

conditions, which would exist under any plan, it, with earnest spirit, has set itself a high scope in upholding the doctrine, awakening the Church, deepening the Christian life, making the Lutheran faith an adequate reality to the age, and encouraging and drawing the brethren together. Attention should be directed to its educational value in our families and to its good influence on all Lutherans in this land. It is respected within and without the General Council as a powerful, just, inspiring and sound organ for the development of the Christian life and the maintenance of the principles of our Church.

"Young Folks," the new joint young people's paper, has become a permanent success within the past two years, and is also accomplishing a good work.

The weak point in our educational field is an imperfect parish education; and, in some parts of the Church, a poor Catechetical instruction.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN AMERICAN MORALS.

Our Lutheran Church in America, which in its Germanic, Scandinavian, and English elements, has ever stood for sterling integrity in private life and civic righteousness in public affairs, should give thanks to Almighty God, in common with all good Christian citizens of this land, that, within the past two years there has been such a revulsion of feeling and re-establishment of sound principle in the heart of the American people toward plain, common honesty in the administration of municipal and national affairs and of public and private trusts; and toward equal justice for all in our political, commercial, corporate and American life. The common course of human nature, as our Confessions declare, is ever toward deeper corruption. In all ages governments have been regarded, by unprincipled officials, as existing partly for the purpose of being plundered. Martin Luther saw and described this tendency in his own vigorous and characteristic way. He says, that in civil affairs, "the adage: 'Render unto Caesar, the things that are Caesar's' is a *rara avis.* The whole world is full from top to bottom, from the servant in the home, to the squire, the jurist and the prince in the public halls, of the exact converse, viz: 'Abstract from Caesar the things that are Caesar's'; so that there is no department of life that suffers so seriously from thieves and rascality as do politics and civil government."

The remarkable change that has occurred in the mind and heart of the American people on this vital point, it is just to say, has been due largely to the heroic effort of the present chief magistrate of our country, who, also, in more ways than one, has expressed his appreciation of the Lutheran Church in this land, as one of the powerful elements making for righteousness, and to be depended on for the future stability of our nation.

It is not yet a year since the President said:

"There is a peculiar function to be played by the great Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

"The Lutheran Church came to the territory which is now the United States very shortly after the first permanent settlements were made within our limits, for when the earliest settlers came to dwell around the mouth of the Delaware they brought the Lutheran worship with them, and so with the earliest German settlers who came to Pennsylvania and afterwards to New York and the mountainous region of the Western part of Virginia and the States south of it. From that day to this the history of the growth in population of this nation has consisted largely in some respects mainly, of the arrival of successive waves of new comers to our shores, and the prime duty of those already in the land is to see that their own progress and development are shared by these new comers. It is a serious and dangerous thing for any man to tear loose from the soil, from the region in which he and his forbears have taken root, and to be transplanted into a new land. He should receive all possible aid in that new land, and the aid can be tendered him most effectively by those who can appeal to him on the ground of spiritual kinship. Therefore, *the Lutheran Church can do most in helping upwards and onwards so many of the newcomers to our shores,* and it seems to me that it should be, I am tempted to say, well nigh the prime duty of this church to see that the immigrant, especially the immigrant of the Lutheran faith from the Old World, who comes from Scandinavia or Germany, or whether he belonged to one of the Lutheran countries of Finland, or Hungary, or Austria, may not be suffered to drift off with no friendly hand extended to him, out of all the church communion, away from all the influences that tend toward safeguarding and uplifting him, and that he find ready at hand in this country those eager to bring him into fellowship with the existing bodies. *The Lutheran Church in this country is of very great power numerically and through the intelligence and thrift of its members, but it will grow steadily to even greater power. It is destined to be one of the two or three greatest churches and most important national churches in the United States; one of the two or three churches most distinctly American, among the forces that are to tell for making this great country even greater in the future. Therefore, a peculiar load of responsibility rests upon the members of this church."*

When this address was reported in Germany the observation there made was that the President had rightly estimated the solid and reliable citizenship that characterizes Lutheranism. It was declared that Lutherans whether in the older sections of the East, or whether they are Scandinavians and Germans in the great wheat and corn belts of the West and Northwest, are not to be found among the promoters and the speculators; but among the productive portion of the population; and that their earnest and true holding fast to God's Word as the one rule of faith and life was an element of safety in the nation. For Germany realizes that in America the Lutheran Church, almost without exception, stands immovable upon God's word; and that the divine inspiration of the Scriptures would not dare to be denied or questioned in any Lutheran pulpit in America. The old Gospel, which is not merely a theological opinion or judgment; but which is an infallible and real rule of faith and life, makes the best citizens for any land; and particularly for a land that is free.

The correspondence connected with the Presidency of this body, during the past two years, makes it proper to lay before you the following matters, with the attendant documents:

THE ILLNESS OF DR. GEISSINGER.

On May 11, 1905, the Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger, one of our most able and faithful co-laborers, for whose recovery from serious illness we have not ceased to pray and the temporary loss of whose wise counsel we sincerely mourn, wrote me saying, "I regret very much indeed that I am unable to attend the duties of chairman of the Commission of Practical Co-operation and beg you to designate some one else to take the place." In accordance with this request I appointed Dr. Ohl in place of Dr. Geissinger to fill the position of Dr. Geissinger and received his acceptance under date of May 19th.

In this connection I may say that we deeply regret the illness of Dr. G. F. Krotel, President R. F. Weidner and President J. A. W. Haas, all of whom had important functions to perform at this Convention, and pray God for their restoration and recovery.

A SUGGESTION FROM DR. WENNER ON UNIFORM LUTHERAN STATISTICS.

On July 15, 1905, the Rev. Dr. G. U. Wenner, of New York, wrote me stating that "if we had a uniform method of keeping Lutheran statistics in the General Council and the General Synod, it would be a step forward," and suggested that the matter be brought before the General Council in some way. On October 4th, he again inquired whether some steps

might not be taken toward securing common statistics as well as a Common Service in the General Council, General Synod and United Synod. He encloses blanks in use in the General Synod at the present time. As this suggestion is in line with the work of Practical Co-operation undertaken by these two bodies, the correspondence is submitted.

Early in October the editor of the Church Almanac wrote me requesting the General Council to make some arrangement authorizing him or a proper committee to consult with the statisticians or boards of other Lutheran bodies, or with the bodies themselves, to ascertain whether a joint Lutheran Year Book could not be issued, or at least authorizing the almanac statisticians to work in harmony and fix a time for closing statistics, so that these may be uniform.

He states also that one-third of the Synods meet in August, September and October, so that the editor is obliged to present 1904 statistics of these Synods in the 1906 almanac. He suggests a plan whereby this could be remedied. He also asks certain questions on details, which could better be determined by an expert committee, such as Dr. Wenner suggests.

He further inquires whether the General Council is of the judgment that it is worth the time and expense to continue the Geographical Directory; and if it is important enough, whether it should not be published in the regular edition of the almanac, and that without materially increasing the price of the regular edition.

Still another suggestion, from elsewhere, is that the General Council issue a cloth-bound General Council Directory, to sell at 50 cents, once every five years, of which the geographical directory shall be the basis, but briefly describing every city and town in the country from a Lutheran point of view, under Chicago, e. g., giving total Lutheran population, total communicant population, total General Council population, total scholars in parish or Sunday-schools; location and number of professors of Chicago Theological Seminary; location and number of patients treated, of Passavant Hospital; location of General Council churches with addresses of their pastors, addresses of all other Lutheran pastors.

MISSION WORK AMONG THE SLAVONIANS.

Over twenty years ago, in 1884, the circumstances of the Slavonian brethren in the Lutheran faith in America were portrayed to the General Council by the Rev. Cyrell Droppa, who organized the Slav-Evangelical Lutheran Church of Streator, Ill., and the General Council adopted a report presented by Rev. Dr. Fritschel and signed by W. A. Schmithenner, A. W. Potteiger, and C. B. Opp, in which the German Home Mission Committee of the Council was requested to put itself in correspondence with Pastor Droppa concerning the promotion of Slavonian missions; and Pastor Droppa was recommended for assistance to the Pennsylvania Synod, which, at that time was employing Pastor Horak to look after the Slavonians in Pennsylvania.

In 1903, the need of Slavonian pastors was again pressed on the attention of this body, and we resolved to apply through our Standing Com-

mittee on Relation to the Lutheran General Conference in Europe, "to the proper authorities in Europe with a view of securing suitable pastors for the Slavonian Lutheran congregations now being organized in the territory of the General Council."

In 1904 the Pennsylvania Ministerium took up the Slovak work more directly by appointing a new mission committee, who have begun work very vigorously, and to whom the Ministerium at its last session appropriated the sum of $1,000.00, with instructions also to present the cause to congregations of the Synod for the purpose of securing further contributions. The committee of the Pennsylvania Ministerium has one missionary in the field, and in a single little town, a few weeks ago in eastern Pennsylvania, they found 61 Lutheran Slovaks; while in South Bethlehem, they received the names of 112. The Pennsylvania Committee has sent an appeal to Europe for three ministers, and has secured two Slavonian students who will dedicate themselves to this work. The work is of such importance that we trust that the General Council will give the subject attention, and will fix a time during this Convention for the hearing of this cause.

THE PROTESTS OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD AND OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

On May 6th, the Rev. Dr. C. M. Esbjörn, of California, transmitted to me a communication from the California Conference of the Augustana Synod, which is a protest against the Rev. Dr. E. Nelander, of San Francisco, who is declared to be conducting religious or missionary operations in the Swedish language on behalf of the General Synod.

On May 24th, the Rev. George H. Hilleman, secretary of the California Lutheran Synod of the General Synod, transmitted a statement declaring that Dr. Nelander uses the English language alone in San Francisco, and urging him to continue in his work.

Both these documents are submitted. Dr. Esbjörn writes unofficially that "Dr. Nelander has lately accepted a call to one of our Augustana churches in California and that thereby his case has assumed a new phase and will no doubt be the subject of consideration at the next meeting of the Augustana Synod."

LETTERS FROM PASTOR J. WITKE.

Between April and July, 1905, and later, I received several letters from pastor John S. M. Witke, who states that he was dismissed by the New York Synod to the Pittsburg Synod, and not received by the Pittsburg Synod. I felt myself unable to advise the brother; and submit the correspondence for examination.

THE WRITINGS OF DR. KRAUTH.

My attention has been directed to statements in Lutheran papers to the effect that the teachings of Dr. Krauth have been forgotten in the General Council and that his writings are no longer read. This is not the case, for the leading doctrinal work of Dr. Krauth has as large and steady a sale as ever, and the teachings of Dr. Krauth are bearing solid fruit in the generation of men now in the prime of life in our Church. The English Lutheran Church in the General Council, in larger measure than during his life or ever before, is illustrating and exemplifying those teachings.

INTER-CHURCH CONFERENCE ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

On the 25th and 26th of January, 1905, the Inter-Church Conference on Marriage and Divorce, held a meeting at Washington, D. C., and an interview with the President of the United States, in the interests of an act to promote uniformity of legislation on this subject in the United States, which act has been approved by the American Bar Association. It at that time also issued a "Second Address and Appeal to the Christian Public," which, among others, bears the signature of one Lutheran, Judge P. S. Grosscup, of Chicago. As the General Council has for some years been earnestly considering this very subject, the address of the Conference, the proposed act to promote uniformity, and the message of the President of the United States to Congress on the subject, are herewith submitted.

The urgency of the case should be recognized. Within the last twenty years over 500,000 divorces have been granted within the United States; whereas in all Europe, with its population of 380,000,000, as over against the 80,000,000 of the United States, the divorces run up to only 214,841. Over one and a half millions of American children have witnessed the collapse of the roof-tree of their parents' homes. The number of divorced persons in this country is greater than the population of some of our States.

In any consideration of the light and trivial sundering of the marriage bonds we should not lose sight of the fact that many American marriages are not joined together of God, and are not entered into in the fear and love of God. The Church should emphasize the importance of this early aspect of the subject.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE CONSECRATION OF THE BERLIN CATHEDRAL.

On April 21, 1905, I received a letter from von Pfarrer W. Guszmann, editor of "Der Alte Glaube," published in Leipzig, Germany, stating "that the General Council had given the Lutheran cause in Germany a heavy blow by the sending of a delegate to the consecration of the Berlin Cathedral." I replied that the General Council had not appointed a delegate to this consecration, and that the appointment of a delegate from America had evidently been made by the German Imperial government itself.

I also informed the editor of "Der Alte Glaube" that the General Council is not to be charged with unionism.

ALLGEMEINE LUTHERISCHE CONFERENCE.

The General Council is thankful that it was so ably represented at the International Conference at Rostock by our delegate, Dr. A. Spaeth. The address which he delivered on that occasion is notable both for its presentation of Lutheranism in America, and for its reception in Germany.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO MODERN EVANGELISM.

On May 15th, D. Frank Garland, of Dayton, Ohio, requested me to give him a statement of the attitude that the General Council takes toward modern Evangelism.

I replied that, so far as my knowledge went, the General Council had not assumed an attitude on this question, but that I was sure that its members regarded Evangelism as a proper and necessary work; and that the real question was whether the "*modern*" Evangelism, of which he was speaking is a proper prosecution of Evangelistic work.

I told him that he might feel reasonably sure that the General Council which, through its Synods, is strict in seeing that its pastors are properly educated and examined, and that they have a proper call; would not countenance the use of wandering Evangelists who have been sent forth, perhaps by no duly authorized body, or in any case by some body out of sympathy with the teachings of the Augsburg Confession, and who are responsible to no one.

I said, furthermore, that the *"modern"* Evangelism with which I had personal acquaintance, was almost devoid of one or two of the fundamental elements of the Gospel, which, as we Lutherans teach, are essential to salvation. For, while modern Evangelism lays some stress on faith, and great stress on coming to the Lord's side, I had not for years heard a "modern" Evangelist who preaches the real Gospel doctrine of repentance; and that without repentance there is no salvation.

We Lutherans believe that every pastor is an Evangelist, and that in every sermon the law and the Gospel is to be proclaimed for the awakening and salvation of lost sinners. It is within the scope of our Church to make provision for daily and special services for the effective preaching of the Gospel to the lost. There is no Church in all Christendom that so faithfully and continuously and regularly warns sinners and sets forth the grace of God and the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

But it is true Gospel, as we teach it, that is to be preached in our parishes. It is those who hold "the Office of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments" (Augsburg Confession, V) on whom this work is to fall. The duty of evangelizing the world at home and abroad is not a special, intermittent, and spasmodic function of the Church, arising spontaneously and irregularly in periods of public excitement, with agencies of ministration created outside of the regular bounds of the Church, and subsiding again when the wave of emotional excitement has passed over the country and spent itself. On the other hand it is a constant part of the regular work of the Church to be attended to, like all other work of the Church, in an orderly way, and by those duly called to the "Office."

To Lutherans, then, Evangelism, or saving the sinner and the world by the power of the Gospel, is not a series of mixed meetings conducted under the auspices of a union of temporarily united but permanently divergent sects, by one who proclaims the Word of God with no regular call, and who follows up the proclamation with the use of agencies and systems of reaching the individual which our Church cannot approve; but Evangelism is the regular public proclamation "by the foolishness of preaching," of the saving Word of God, the Law and the Gospel, at daily and festival services, and on all suitable occasions, by the Lutheran pastor or Missionary properly called to this work; and the fol-

lowing up of the public proclamation with faithful and continuous pastoral effort.

The Lutheran Church does not find it necessary to inaugurate special and irregular evangelistic meetings in a congregation or parish in order to stimulate the flagging interests of church members lukewarm and about to fall away. While such members abound with us, yet the faithful use of our regular means, and honest labor under our normal conception of justifications, regeneration, conversion and sanctification, which is so much more true, and so far superior, in its bearings on the inner life, to the loose current views of Christianity, are our most effective means of bringing the falling member back into a state of grace.

I am referring to the Lutheran doctrine that the Christian life is a daily repentance and daily faith. Whereas "modern" Evangelism, like old-time revivalism, is inclined to make the turning point from the world to be an irregular and so to say chance moment, occurring once or at rare intervals in the life of the individual; the Lutheran doctrine of the daily turning from sin, and the daily turning to Christ, is immeasurably superior as a true power in the application of the saving Gospel both to the unawakened sinner without the Church; and also to the gradually decaying soul within.

If the Lutheran Church is not doing her duty in the matter of Evangelism, it is because she is not properly using the most potent means, regularly inherent in her nature and her constitutional mode of operation, ever given to any Church for this purpose.

With the increase of extra-ecclesiastical agencies and organizations, not regularly connected with the Christian Church; and with no lawful power of the keys committed to them; with no authority of arrangement for the exercise of discipline over speakers, or people; with no method of bringing home to the converts, not only the comfort but also the responsibilities of the Christian life; with no regular provision for the confession of sins and for the administration of the Sacraments; with no organic method for apportioning and bringing the awakened to the regular ministrations of the Word and Sacraments; "modern" Evangelistic work as an extra-ecclesiastical institution will, in the long run, prove to be of questionable value to Christianity for "adding to the Church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47.)

PROTESTS OF DR. SCHMIDT AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT LIMA AND SUBSEQUENTLY AT NORRISTOWN.

On the 18th of July, 1904, Dr. Schmidt forwarded a paper to "The Lutheran" in which he expressed his great dissatisfaction with the General Council at Lima and subsequently at Norristown, and with the action of these Conventions as shown by the Minutes, and intimates that if his church will not hear him, it will be necessary for him to try to gain a hearing elsewhere. "The Lutheran" refused to publish this and similar papers, on the ground that it would have been improper for the official organ of the General Council to make such publication, and forwarded the document to me as President of the General Council. Immediately on receipt of the paper, I apprised the Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions that such a paper had arrived, and wrote, in part, as follows, to Dr. Schmidt, on August 20th:

"Reverend and Dear Doctor: Your communication charges the General Council with high-handed and illegal methods and therefore can be taken up and dealt with only by the General Council itself. It will consequently be noticed in the President's Report at the next Convention of the General Council and be placed in the hands of a committee.

"Perhaps it will be proper for me to say that I presided at Norristown, and never saw nor heard of such a protest, much less was any presented to me, nor did I consign any to the waste-basket."

In reply, under date of Feb. 24th, Dr. Schmidt writes:

"I have reason to believe that many in the General Council have no idea of what has happened with me. . . . The Board has always maintained that it was not acting on its own judgment, but that it had to act in obedience to the orders of the General Council. That body has removed me from the jurisdiction of the Foreign Mission Board. But as a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania I still belong to the General Council and that body cannot deny me the privilege of claiming to be heard.

"I, therefore, hope that you will not only call for my 'Protest,' but that you will take the trouble to peruse the rehearsal of my case, which I beg to submit to you at an early date."

The "Rehearsal" of Dr. Schmidt's case, if forwarded by him, has not been received by me up to this date. As his appeal, and his condemnation of the action with reference to himself, do not refer to the Foreign Mission Board, but concern the General Council itself, and its Minutes; and are substantially a protest against the official act of the General Council, I have brought

the matter before the General Council, with the hope that you may be able to ascertain whether the General Council has done any injustice to the Rev. Dr. Schmidt, and may be able, for the good of the Council and all concerned, to arrive at a proper, equitable and final disposition of this matter.

It is necessary to add to the above that one week ago, on October 5th, a lengthy communication from Dr. Schmidt, formally addressed to the President of the General Council, arrived, the exact status of which I shall leave to the General Council to fix.

In this communication Dr. Schmidt, on the basis of my declaration to him that no protest had been presented to the President at the meeting at Norristown, declares that, "Things have been held from the General Council; and, now that the General Council has ruined us in body and and mind it is hardly fair not to allow me to follow its own example." At the close of the document Dr. Schmidt declares, "it is of no use to postpone the final settlement of my affairs any longer. . . . I would further ask that a Committee of one (at least) be appointed, a disinterested person, to help to wind up my affairs. As I did that kind of work in the Guntur troubles, one of their missionaries might be asked to do it in our Mission. Dr. Harpster proposed Dr. Wolf and I agreed to it. That matter referred to the trustees of the General Council might be decided by the Civil courts. And last but not least is the question whether I shall ask the Lutheran press or any other to publish my explanations after the General Council has published its."

This is a formal communication to the General Council by one of its own members who declares that the General Council has done him great injury in many ways, and that his protest to it was never heard.

I have apprised the Council of the presence here of this further protest, and have described it briefly, and it rests with the Council to say what shall be done.

LUTHERAN EXHIBIT AT ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

On the 13th of November, 1903, the Lancaster Inner Mission Society sent me a memorandum urging that the General Council place a proper and worthy educational publication exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair.

At the same time, a letter was addressed to the President of the General Council by the Rev. G. B. McClanahan indicating that action in this line should have been taken by the meeting of the General Council at Norristown, as suggested by the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, who, in his annual report urged that something be done worthy of our Lutheran Church at the next Exposition.

The Rev. McClanahan urged that our exhibit show the progress and development of our Church since the Louisiana Purchase, and inquired whether the United States Government officially requested our Church to prepare an exhibit, as, according to the daily press it had requested the Pope thus to do. Rev. McClanahan continues, "the meagre display we had at the World's Fair at Chicago should admonish us to more active and more earnest efforts for the coming exhibition in St. Louis."

I at once took up the matter, in several ways, particularly with our Publication Board, which finally learned that all the space assigned for this purpose had already been allotted by the Exposition authorities.

On my visit to the St. Louis Exposition, I searched the Educational building in vain for any exhibit on the part of the General Council or the General Synod. There was a very extensive and complete Lutheran exhibit in one of the largest and most desirable locations in the building, which was, along its lines, a credit to the Lutheran Church, but it was confined exclusively to the educational work of the Missouri Synod.

Perhaps a standing committee with instructions to prepare, and arrange for, a worthy exhibit of the work of the Lutheran Church in North America and throughout the world, at such expositions, either on behalf of the General Council alone, or in connection with a similar committee of the General Synod, might secure the result aimed at in this request to the President of the General Council.

In this connection it may also be noted that the Pacific Synod two years ago made a request "for a repository of our Lutheran literature on the Pacific coast, the same being necessary as a measure of expediency and economy."

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Brethren, there are some difficulties before us, and great opportunities for instruction and for action. Let us as brave men, of honest heart, for Christ's sake, give our love, our energy, our patience, and full time to the work in hand.

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK.

On motion the report was received and referred to a committee, to be subsequently appointed.

On motion,

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to whom shall be referred the protests reported by the President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers: For President, Rev. A. F. Siebert, Rev. Dr. O. P. Smith, and Mr. James M. Snyder; for the other officers, Rev. Dr. L. A. Johnston, Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, and Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Peschau.

On the report of the tellers, the following Officers were declared elected, a second ballot, taken on Friday morning, having been necessary for English Recording and German Corresponding Secretaries:

President.

Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.

Recording Secretaries.

English, Rev. William K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
German, Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.

Corresponding Secretaries.

English, Rev. Prof. Stephen A. Repass, D.D., Allentown, Pa.
German, Rev. John Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.
Swedish, Rev. Alfred Appell, Peoria, Ill.

Treasurer.

William H. Staake, Esq., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Presidents of the several Synods, excepting that from which the President is chosen, are ex-officio the Vice-Presidents of the General Council.

Pending the announcement of the result of the election, the regular Order of Business was taken up.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee presents the following report of unfinished business and of other matters for consideration and action during this convention of the General Council:

I. Unfinished Business.

I.—DISCUSSIONS.

P. 21. Theses on "Marriage and Divorce." Discussion deferred (see p. 218).

P. 22. Resolutions 5 and 6, referring to the nature of the marriage covenant, deferred.

2.—ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

P. 127. Plan for unification of missions referred to district synods for discussion.

Pp. 128, 129. Election of representatives on Mission Board referred to Board.

P. 181. Mission at Halifax, N. S., referred to Board of English Home Missions.

3.—BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

P. 152. Amendment of Charter authorized.

P. 196. Request of Pacific Synod.

P. 203. Official Publications of the General Council to be issued by Board.

4.—CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

Pp. 158, 181. Memorial of Synod of Nova Scotia referred to Church Book Committee.

P. 181. Requests of Chicago and Pittsburgh Synods referred to Church Book Committee.

5.—RELATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL TO LUTHERAN BODIES.

P. 171. Instructions of General Council's representatives on Joint Committee on General Conference.

P. 179. Instructions to Committee on Lutheran General Conference.

P. 182. Recommendations of Commission on Practical Co-operation.

P. 205. Pastors for Slavonian Congregations to be secured from Europe.

6.—SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

P. 176. Instructions to Sunday-school Committee.

7.—WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

P. 204. Organization of Societies in Congregations, Conferences and Synods urged.

8.—MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND SYNODS.

P. 184. English Secretary to secure file of Minutes of General Council to be bound for use at Conventions of Councils.

P. 184. File of Minutes of General Council.

II. Matters in Minutes of District Synods. Referred to General Council.

(To be referred to a special committee.)

III. Hours of Meeting.

Business sessions, 9 to 11.45 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m.; evening sessions, 7.45 p. m.

IV. Official Reporters.

Revs. G. W. Sandt, D.D., D. M. Kemerer and W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Thursday Afternoon.

Roll Call.
Application of New Synods.
Committee to examine application of Synods.
President's Report.
Appointment of Committee on President's Report.
Report of Executive Committee.
Disposal of Report.
Reception of New Synods.
Election of Officers.
Reception of Minutes or Reports from the Synods or any other Documents intended for the General Council.
Giving Delegates from Synods the Privilege of Debate.
Giving notice of Important Business to be Brought Before the General Council for its Action.
Appointment of Committees on Documents and Papers Presented.
Report of Treasurer.
Board of Foreign Missions.

Friday Morning.

9.10 a. m., Discussion of Theses on "Marriage and its Relation to Divorce."
10 a. m., Theses, "The Faith that Saves."
11 a. m., Board of English Home Missions.

Friday Afternoon.

Board of Porto Rico Missions.
Board of German Home Missions.
Board of Swedish Home Missions.

Saturday Morning.

9.10 a. m., Discussion of Theses, "Inner Mission Work of the Lutheran Church."
11 a. m., Report of the Committee to Examine Matters in Minutes of the Synods Referring to General Council.
Report of Committee on President's Report.
Report of Church Book Committee.

Saturday Afternoon.

Report of Committee on Sunday-school Work.
Board of Publication.
Unfinished Business.
4 p. m., Reception of Official Visitors from other General Bodies.

Monday Morning.

Board of Immigrant Missions.
Committee on Deaconess Work.
Committee on Lutheran General Conference in Europe; and Report of Delegate of Genral Council to Rostock.

Monday Aftrnoon.

Committee on Conference with General Bodies, and
Committee on General Conference.
Committee on Expenses of General Conference.
Commission on Practical Co-operation with General Bodies.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

Tuesday Morning.

Committee on Education.
Report of Secretary on apportionment for the purpose of providing for the General Council expenses.
Reception of Abstracts of Minutes.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Reports of Official Visitors to other General Bodies.
Report of Trustees of General Council.
Continuation of discussion of matters referred to General Council by District Synods, including discussions of Unification of Missions.
New Business.

Wednesday Morning.

Committee on Jewish Mission Work.
Committee on Lutheran Church Music.
Archivarius.
Statistics.
Reports of Special Committees
New Business.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Committee on Publishing Constitution, etc.
Appointment of Official Visitors to other Bodies.
Appointment of Standing Committees.
Selection of Place for Next Meeting.

S. E. OCHSENFORD, *Secretary.*

The report was adopted.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the reading of his report was deferred. (See the Ninth Session.)

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The Rev. Prof. Samuel F. Breckenridge, D.D., of the Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, O., as official visitor from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and the Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, of Minneota, Minn., official visitor from the Icelandic Synod, presented their credentials, were welcomed by the President, and were informed that a time had been set for the presentation of their greetings.

DEATH OF THE REV. DR. PROEHL.

The German Recording Secretary announced the death of the Rev. Prof. William Proehl, D.D., President of the Iowa Synod's Theological Seminary at Dubuque, who was present at the last convention of the General Council as his Synod's official visitor, whereupon it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to extend the sympathy of the General Council to the family of the deceased and to the Iowa Synod.

Committee: The Rev. Drs. G. C. Berkemeier, A. Spaeth, and H. W. Roth.

The Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, President of the Board, then read the following report of the Board of Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully submits the following summary of the work entrusted to its care and supervision. This manifestly falls into two departments, the work as prosecuted in the foreign field, and that which has directly occupied the attention of the Board. Of the work in India, we are able to present in the Part II of this report, an exceptionally full and complete survey, prepared by our missionaries, affording much encouragement, and rich in information and important suggestions as to the future development and administration of the Mission.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION AT HOME.

The constitution and organization of the Board will also be found in the Appendix. Twenty-three meetings have been held, eight of them embracing both morning and afternoon sessions. The average attendance has been over three-fourths of the membership, which, when the fact is considered that there have been several vacancies for a time, and that six of the members reside outside of Philadelphia, is a gratifying record. The Board has provided for a more efficient administration by the distribution of its members into Standing Committees, each charged with some particular branch of the work. These committees are: 1. Finance. 2. Schools. 3. Literature and Publications. 4. Nominations. 5. Property. 6. Woman's Work. 7. Field Work. 8. Executive. The rules controling these committees are as follows:

"1. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to consider and report on all that refers to the ways and means of conducting the mission; to devise and superintend ways of increasing the income of the Board; and to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

"2. To the Committee on Schools shall be referred all matters pertaining to the schools in the mission.

"3. The Committee on Literature and Publications shall edit and supervise the publication of the periodicals and other papers authorized by the Board.

"4. The Committee on Nominations shall consider and report to the Board the names of suitable persons to be called to work in our mission

"5. The Committee on Property shall secure and report information upon the condition of the buildings and grounds of the mission, and suggest such additions and improvements as may be necessary.

"6. To the Committee on Women's Work shall be referred communications from the Women's Missionary Societies, or referring to the women's work, and they shall report upon its progress and demands.

"7. The Committee on Field Work shall gather and tabulate information concerning the field work, and make such suggestions to the Board concerning the same, as may seem good to them.

"8. The officers of the Board shall be an Executive Committee, who shall examine letters and reports in the intervals between the meetings, distribute information to the members when necessary, and prepare an Order of Business in advance of each meeting."

These committees shall be appointed by the President, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

The Board also adopted a permanent Order of Business as follows: 1. Prayer. 2. Roll Call. 3. Minutes. 4. Reports of officers, of business agents, of standing committees, of special committees. 5. Communications from India. 6. Unfinished Business. 7. New Business. 8. Orders on Treasury. 9. Adjournment.

The Board has long been convinced that the increasing demands of the work required provision for an official living at the place of meeting of the Board and in attendance at its sessions, who should give all his time to its interests, and act as its executive. Instructions for the appointment of such officer were given by the General Council at Greenville in 1887, and reaffirmed at Minneapolis in 1888:

"That the Foreign Mission Committee at its discretion appoint a Secretary of Foreign Missions, assign him his duties and fix his salary."

In dispensing with the Superintendency of Foreign Missions in 1902, an office which did not provide for the presence of the superintendent at the meetings of the Board, or the discharge of other duties than those of visiting the churches and Synods, sending out of appeals and collection of funds, it was resolved

"That the Board reserves to itself the right of devising such other measures for the execution of its plans and for maintaining contact with the churches, as may be deemed best after further deliberation."

During the early part of 1905, much attention was given by the Board to this subject; and finally, after mature deliberation, and upon report of a committee, the following action was taken:

"I. This officer shall be called the General Secretary of the Board.

"II. Duties:

"1. He shall give to the President, Secretaries and Editors of the papers, such clerical assistance as the Board may determine from time to time.

"2. He shall present at each meeting of the Board a list of all letters and reports received from the missionaries since the former meeting, together with an outline of the contents, and a statement of the points requiring action; and he may offer suggestions for proper action, and shall be ready to furnish any letters included in the list, for consideration by the Board.

"3. He shall file, and preserve an index of all letters, etc., to and from the missionaries, also copies of all correspondence from the Board, and he shall keep for reference an account of the business, treasury, schools and other work of the missionaries.

"4. He shall represent the Board before the Synods, conventions and congregations, as directed by the Board, or during the interval, by the President.

"5. He shall devise and recommend means to the Board for increasing the income and developing the interest of the Church.

"6. He shall, as circumstances may require, gather and present to the Board information as to the methods of other Christian missions.

"7. He shall, at every meeting of the Board, give a detailed report of his work.

"8. He shall be ready to spend at least six months and not more than one year in India, to study the conditions, in case the Board should so require."

The salary of the General Secretary was fixed at "$1500 a year together with a sufficient allowance to cover all his necessary traveling expenses."

After several months' endeavor to secure a pastor meeting these requirements, the Board finally elected one of its members, the Rev. George Drach, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, West Philadelphia, who entered upon the duties of the office June 1, 1905. Mr. Drach brought to the situation knowledge of the work derived from over eighteen months' membership in the Board, and the ability to use freely both the English and German languages. He began his work by a visitation of the following Synods during the month of June: Swedish Augustana, Stanton, Iowa; Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Lancaster, Pa.; Synod of New York and New England, Syracuse, N. Y.; Canada Synod, Sebastopol, Ontario; District Synod of Ohio, Middleburg, Ohio; Chicago, Lafayette, Ind.; Northwest, Racine, Wis.; and New York Minis-

terium, Lyons, N. Y. Addresses were made at all these Synods, and information gained and given, both publicly and privately, concerning the cause.

It was a matter of regret, that it was impossible to arrange an itinerary which would comprise all the Synods of the General Council. Prior to the appointment of the General Secretary, in 1904, Dr. Blomgren had been sent to the meeting of the Augustana Synod in Kansas, and Rev. R. Bielinski to the New York Ministerium and Canada Synod, while the President of the Board visited the institutions of the Augustana Synod at Rock Island and St. Peter, Minn., and the Chicago Seminary, and conferred with the pastors at Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, etc., in order to acquaint them fully with all that was transpiring, and thus keep East and West in harmonious co-operation in this great cause. Where the distance renders direct representation at meetings of the Board an impossibility, the presence of an occasional representative of the Board who can answer inquiries and state its policy from closest contact with its proceedings, is a necessity for the maintenance and increase of the interest.

The "Missionsbote" with over 10,000, and "The Foreign Missionary" with over 6,000 subscribers, have continued to serve as organs for giving official information. "The Foreign Missionary," in accordance with instructions from the General Council at its last meeting, is now published by the General Council's Board of Publication. The latter has ceased to be a partial loss to the treasury, and now barely pays expenses. An increase of subscriptions could readily be secured if our pastors and our congregational societies would interest themselves in the matter. At the same time, we are grateful to our various church papers for their readiness to publish information and their cordial support of the cause.

Particular mention should be made of "The Augustana," to which Dr. Blomgren made very full reports, as long as he was a member of the Board, and in which Rev. C. E. Slaett has begun to furnish similar reports, with the co-operation of our General Secretary.

A series of three tracts concerning our Mission prepared by Rev. R. Bielinski, and reported in our last biennial report has

been translated into Swedish by Rev. Dr. Blomgren, and widely circulated.

The question of the separate incorporation of the Board already authorized by the General Council, was brought to our attention at an early date by the Trustees of the General Council. It has been in the hands of a special committee. The general feeling of the Board is that as long as there are threats of prosecutions in India growing out of the changes made there by action of the General Council, three years or more ago, it is inexpedient to make any change in the body that holds titles to property there. The separate corporation is undoubtedly very desirable, when all complications are removed.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA.

In accordance with the request of the General Council, that all changes in the Rules and Regulations governing the Mission in India, made during the year, be reported to the next meeting of the General Council, we report an amendment to Rule 19 d. The amendment was made by request of the missionaries, and restores the rule to the form which it was originally intended to have. The Rule reads now:

"Boats shall be provided for the use of the mission by either building or renting, when absolutely necessary, in such parts of the field where canals form the principal ways of communication; but the mission shall pay the salary of the man in charge of the boat, when in harbor, provided this be not eight months in the year.

"The cost of repairs and licenses shall be borne by the mission, and the missionaries using the boat, shall pay all costs connected with traveling in the same."

An amendment was also made to Rule 19 e, by changing $50 to $100, for reasons to be mentioned hereafter in this Report.

In its decision of questions pertaining to the call of missionaries and the administration of interests on the field, it has been the policy of the Board, first of all, to adhere strictly to the instructions given at Lima, O., in 1901, that the missionaries should be men and women from our own churches. A number of applications to be commissioned, supported by reputable endorsements, have been declined. Our missionaries are to be regarded as our representatives in this work, well-known by those whom they represent, and also knowing the people and congregations and

Synods, for whom, in God's name, they speak and act. Among 1,400 pastors and 400,000 communicants, there should be no lack of competent missionaries, each of whom, as he goes forth, will create a new centre of interest and influence in the circles where he is best known. It has been its policy, secondly, to entrust the missionaries on the field, as far as possible, with the determination of all details, the Board being represented there by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the Rules prepared years ago and ratified by the General Council. As its work expands, the Board has sufficient problems to occupy it in connection with the general administration, without entering into the manifold and complicated mass of items that are presented on the foreign field, and cannot be judged intelligently by those living 12,000 miles away, and all of them occupied with exacting duties of their own callings.

The temporary Director of the Mission and Chairman of the Executive Committee, Rev. Dr. Harpster, it will be remembered, has been in our employ by a special arrangement with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod (Minutes of General Council, Norristown, 1903, p. 35). The arrangement was made "for a period of not less than three years." As Dr. Harpster entered the service of our Board, April 1st, 1902, and the three years have expired, the General Synod's Board duly communicated with us, asking whether we were not ready to return the loan which we had made. The answer of our Board was as follows:

"That this Board highly appreciates the kindness of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod in allowing it the services of Rev. Dr. Harpster in the mission at Rajahmundry. His work his resulted in great benefit to the mission; but it is the unanimous opinion of the Board that his removal at this time would be disastrous. We, therefore, ask the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod not to recall him from Rajahmundry."

Upon this representation, the Board of the General Synod very courteously resolved, for the present, not to disturb the arrangement.

This decision was received with much pleasure by your Board, as it was then felt that the excellent work Dr. Harpster is doing would suffer by reason of a change of administration. During the month of August, Dr. Harpster, who had remained in Rajah-

mundry during the hot season, in order to push forward the general work of the Mission, was prostrated by serious illness and was near death's door; but according to the latest advices he is encouragingly recovering his strength.

Some changes have occurred in our staff of missionaries.

The Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, who was sent out in the autumn of 1902, returned in the spring of 1904. Mr. Fichthorn was called by the Board, as a pastor of experience and standing, in one of our most influential congregations, to aid in the work of reorganizing the mission in a crisis of peculiar urgency. His commission and duties were entirely an exception to those assigned missionaries during their first years. His time could not be devoted chiefly to learning the language; but important administrative duties were imposed on him. He became Principal of the two important Boys' Schools at Rajahmundry and Peddapur, and Treasurer of the Mission, besides being an active participant in the Missionary Council and English preacher in St. Paul's church, Rajahmundry. In the midst of this varied activity, he was prostrated by malaria, which resisted all efforts for his relief, within the territory of our mission. Upon the advice of competent medical authority, that he could not labor in our mission, and the recommendation of the Missionary Council, he was allowed to return. Reaching Philadelphia, Good Friday, 1904, and meeting with the Board, April 21st, his resignation was accepted in the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the Board accepts the resignation of Rev. A. S. Fichthorn with regret, the resignation to take effect May 1st, and hereby gives expression to its sense of value of the service he has rendered, and its deep regret that he has been unable to continue in its employment."

Mr. Fichthorn's return has furnished the Board with a far more satisfactory knowledge of conditions on the field than it has ever had before. He has been present frequently at our meetings, and afforded valuable advice; and, shortly after his return, kindly answered, for several hours, questions, while a stenographer furnished us with a permanent record. He has contributed most generously from his own means for the erection of the new School Buildings at Rajahmundry, has interested his influential congregation in the work, and not only prepared a circular setting forth the need of these buildings, which has been circulated by

thousands, but has devoted considerable time to illustrated lectures, with a view to secure funds for this cause.

The Rev. E. H. Trafford, who was commissioned in the presence of the General Council at Norristown, reached Rajahmundry in the beginning of December, 1903, and since then has been occupied chiefly with studying the language.

The Rev. Karl L. Wolters, of Utica, N. Y., accepted a call as the missionary to be supported by the Luther League of Buffalo, and the congregations co-operating with it. Mr. Wolters is a native of Hamburg, Germany, where his father is one of the pastors of St. Peter's church. His classical course he received in Germany; his theological course, in the Seminary at Mt. Airy, from which he graduated in 1890. His first charge was an English-German congregation at Phoenixville, Pa., belonging to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. His second charge was a German congregation of the New York Ministerium, at Utica, N. Y. Mr. Wolters was commissioned in the presence of the New York Ministerium at Buffalo, N. Y., the sermon being preached by the President of the Ministerium, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., and addresses made by Rev. J. L. Sibole, on behalf of the Buffalo Luther League, the departing missionary and the President of the Board. After tarrying some months in Germany, Mr. Wolters reached Rajahmundry about the beginning of December, 1904.

Rev. H. E. Isaacson, who was in America on furlough at the time of last report, returned to India early in November, 1904, and took charge of his former district, with the center at Samulcotta. As Mr. Isaacson could not make satisfactory arrangements for leaving all his older children in America, he asked that the Board grant him the same allowance for two of them, whom he took back with him, as would be granted according to the Rules if they remained here, in order to enable him to send them to a school on the hills in India for European children. The Board acceded to this condition. It is a mistaken policy to lose the service of a missionary after he has learned the language, become acclimated, and has ten years or more of experience on the field, because of lack of provision for the children. On this account; the Board, after a careful examination of the rules of other boards and societies, both European and American, doubled

the allowance heretofore granted each child absent from parents for education. It was found that our Mission had been less generous than any other missionary body, concerning whose rules we had information, and that even with this increase we have not reached the average. This involved an amendment to Rule 19 e.

Miss Charlotte Swenson, of Axtell, Kansas, who had served the Mission with marked efficiency, and with a zeal which, it was found, had undermined her strength, from July, 1895, until she was compelled to return in the summer of 1900, was, beyond the hope and expectation of her friends and the Board, restored to complete health and to our service at a most opportune time. The Board had the most thorough medical examination made by a California physician of exceptional experience, with whom several of the members of the Board were well acquainted, and who was an entire stranger to Miss Swenson. Upon his unqualified report as to her physical ability, she was, with great gratitude to God, recalled to our service. She was duly commissioned in Gustavus Adolphus Swedish church, New York, January 13th, 1905, and reached Rajahmundry during the latter part of February. She resumed the prosecution of the Zenana work at this point, where, owing to the engagements of our women in other departments of female missionary work, it had been greatly languishing ever since Miss Swenson's return.

Beside the missionaries who are now laboring on the field, there are a number who have accepted calls, some to enter upon the work this year, others hereafter.

Revs. O. O. Eckardt and Oscar L. Larson, graduates of the Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Ill., and both ordained at the last meeting of the Augustana Synod, have accepted calls, and expect to sail from Philadelphia, each with a bride, early in October. The Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the congregation of the Rev. Peter Peterson, of St. Paul, Minn., has pledged itself to pay one-half the salary of Mr. Eckardt, at least until Dec. 31, 1906.

The necessity of increasing the medical staff, in connection with our Woman's Medical Work, has given the Board much concern. The time for Dr. Woerner's furlough is already overdue. To prolong her stay in the field long beyond the period that the experience of missions generally has fixed as the time for

a return to America, is at the risk of health and future efficiency. But her work, which has only been fairly begun, has been found to be so important that it should not be interrupted, but should be transferred, during her absence, to another woman competent to take her place. The efficient administration of the medical work demands the constant presence of at least two physicians, to relieve and consult one another, and to co-operate in surgical cases. The erection of a Woman's Hospital is a goal towards which we have been striving for years. But to begin the building, until further provision was made for physicians, seemed useless. The Board, therefore, made an appeal to the Women's Missionary Societies of our Synods to help us in securing those willing to respond to our call for this employment. Two young ladies, with satisfactory recommendations, were accepted as medical students, to be prepared, in a four-years' course, for our service. Miss Amy B. Rohrer, of Lancaster, Pa., a Normal School graduate, and for some time an efficient teacher in the Orphanage at Germantown, has completed two years of her course in the Woman's Medical College, of Philadelphia. She has been supported by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Miss Betty Nielson has been pursuing a similar course for the same length of time in a Woman's Medical College in Chicago, and has been supported by the Woman's Society of the Augustana Synod. Both these students have passed through their courses thus far, with distinction; but they will not be available for our service before the summer of 1907.

Beside these, the Board made urgent appeals for a physician who could be sent out at once. There was a prospect of securing one by going outside of the Lutheran Church. But as the call is to more than purely medical work, and a commission as missionary belongs to each one sent, this proposition was never seriously considered. Two daughters of Lutheran ministers, who were graduates in medicine, were called, but declined. At last, after Dr. Julia Van der Veer, of Peabody, Kansas, had appeared before the Board, she was unanimously called. Dr. Van der Veer was a deaconess of the Mother House of the General Synod in Baltimore. As it had been the purpose of that Board to include Hospital work in

their field of operations, Miss Van der Veer had been designated to take a thorough medical course, and in this way attended and finally graduated at the Woman's Medical College, of Philadelphia. During her course, her home was in the Mary J. Drexel Home for Deaconesses, where she became well-known to our Sisters, and to the officers of this institution, which is so closely connected with the General Council. The General Synod's Board deciding finally that their plans, in regard to medical work, could not be carried out, Dr. Van der Veer found that her education and some years' experience as a physician could not be utilized within the organization to which she then belonged. Under these circumstances, the Board proposed to the General Synod's Board of Deaconesses that they give Dr. Van der Veer permission to enter our service for a period of four years, until our medical students would be ready for our service. Dr. Van der Veer's preference, however, being to enter our service as a full member of our missionary force, and not as a merely temporary arrangement, the General Synod's Board very magnanimously and courteously, but with expressions of deep regret at their loss, acceded to the proposition. Dr. Van der Veer immediately resigned as deaconess, and entered upon a supplementary medical course at Johns Hopkins University, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania providing for all her expenses until she is ready to leave for India. She was duly commissioned in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, September 24th, sailed from Philadelphia September 30th, and is expected to reach our Mission about December 1st.

The Board has also resolved to send out William M. Berst, M.D., a graduate both in Arts and Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of one of our congregations in Erie, Pa., provided he take a special course in Theology, subject to the approval of the Board. A year or two will intervene before this action can be effective.

At present, the most pressing need in our force seems to be a woman with thorough training as a teacher, in order to afford relief for Miss Schade when it is needed.

The Board has never ceased to urge upon its missionaries the importance of availing themselves of the provision which it makes for some weeks of absence in a higher latitude and more salubri-

ous climate during the hot season. This is insisted upon as a duty due to the Mission and Church, as well as to themselves; and one the neglect of which will be apt to entail much greater losses, in efficiency and service, than can be estimated by the small expense it requires. Even where no evil results seem to follow by such neglect, one cannot feel otherwise than that whatever efficiency is maintained, would be greatly increased by compliance with these instructions.

In view of misunderstandings liable to occur, where, in accepting the call of the Board, the duties and terms of the service are not specified, and with reference to experiences from which the Mission is now only beginning to recover, the Board has prepared a form of contract, the signing of which will hereafter be required of all entering our service. It is as follows:

AGREEMENT made and concluded this.....day of.....A. D. one thousand nine hundred and.....by and between The Board of Foreign Missions of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, acting for and by authority of said General Council, hereinafter called "First Party," and.....of..... hereinafter called "Second Party," *witnesseth:*

In consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned, which are mutually agreed to be kept and performed, the said parties agree as follows:

First. The first party doth hereby appoint the second party as Foreign Missionary.

Second. The first party doth agree to pay to the second party during the period of his employment by the first party, the following salary, to wit .... said salary to commence upon the date of the arrival of the second party at.....and to cease not later than the day he leaves the mission field. Said salary shall be payable in equal quarterly instalments.

Third. The salary of the second party shall cover all expenses for himself and family, except as provided for in Article III, paragraph 19, of the General Rules and Regulations for the Telugu Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, adopted August 20, 1902, and the amendments thereto, which rules and regulations are hereby made a part of this agreement.

Fourth. The first party doth agree to pay to the second party the sum of.....dollars as an outfit, the necessary expenses of the journey and all necessary freight charges on his baggage (not exceeding in the aggregate two thousand pounds in weight), from his residence in this country by the most direct route to the mission field in.....; and upon the

return of the second party to this country, if upon leave of absence or by special permission of the first party, but not otherwise, the first party doth agree to pay to the second party the necessary expenses of the journey and freight charges on his baggage (not exceeding in the aggregate 2,000 pounds in weight) from the mission station by such route as may be prescribed by the first party, or other wise by the most direct route to.....

Fifth. The first party reserves the right to summarily suspend or discharge the second party at any time without previous notice and without liability to the second party in damage or otherwise by reason thereof; Provided, however, that the salary of said second party shall be paid for the term of three months from and after the date of such suspension, and no longer.

Sixth. The second party shall not, in any case or under any circumstances, contract any debts or obligations in the name or as the agent of the first party without their express written direction and authority. Any and every contract, debt or obligation incurred or expenditure made without such authority shall be at the cost and expense of the second party.

Seventh. In case the first party should at any time suspend or discharge the second party or for any reason terminate this contract, the second party shall immediately return to the United States of America at the expense of the first party, as set forth in paragraph "Fourth" of this agreement; in default whereof the seond party shall forfeit all right to the payment of the return expenses and the three months salary provided for in paragraph "Fifth."

Eighth. The second party shall give to the first party at least three months' notice in writing of his intention to terminate this contract.

Ninth. The parties to this agreement are mutually bound by the General Rules and Regulations for the Telugu Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions August 26, 1902, and the amendments thereto, which are hereby made a part hereof; and of such other rules and regulations for the said mission as may hereafter from time to time be adopted by said Board of Foreign Missions, except in so far as they may conflict with the specific provisions of this Agreement.

In Witness Whereof, the Board of Foreign Missions acting for the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, hath by its President and attested by its Secretary executed this agreement, and the said second party hath in due execution affixed his hand and seal hereto. Dated the day and year first above written.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

By

.....*President.*

Attest:

.....*Secretary.*

.....[L. S.]

BUILDING OPERATIONS.

Since the reorganization of the Mission, there has been an extraordinary expenditure in repairs, as the property had been considerably neglected. The bungalow at Dowlaishwaram, replacing one that had almost fallen down, because of the insecure foundation, has been completed since our last report, at an expense of $500 for the site, $2,100 for the building, $60 for supplementary work and $277.15 for the well, altogether $2,937.15. To this must be added, the time of the missionary, his superintendence of the work having prevented Rev. R. Arps from doing much touring, until the house was completed.

Early this year, a beginning was made of the buildings of the Boys' Central School. For years this has been recognized as an absolute necessity. But delay occurred because of some differences as to the site, and more recently, until the title to the property acquired from Dr. Schmidt could be established beyond all uncertainties. Preparatory to building, ten acres of adjoining land, containing a lime-kiln, were purchased for $458.00. The estimated cost of the buildings is: For School Building, 22,600, for Bungalow, 13,940; altogether, 36,540 rupees, i. e., $12,180.

The Missionary Council unanimously recommended that the superintendence of the building be placed in the hands of Mr. F. J. McCready, formerly one of our missionaries, who had proved himself an efficient and economical builder in other building operations of the Mission. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to employ a superintendent, and to name the person. This plan saves the entire time of one of our older missionaries, for missionary work; as when building is in progress, every detail must be passed upon by thoroughly trustworthy authority representing the Mission. There can be no satisfactory letting out of building by contract, or supervision by architect. The corner-stone was laid, with appropriate services, on July 25th. The work has probably received a temporary check owing to the illness of Mr. McCready from cholera, as well as from the temporary disablement of Dr. Harpster.

Four acres of ground have been purchased at Peddapur, at a cost of $200, and the Executive Committee has been instructed for the erection of a suitable building for the High School there—an institution with about 500 pupils. It is expected that the most

of what is expended in this building will be refunded by the government, after it has been approved. From $3,000 to $4,000 will be needed.

An addition, at an expense of $600, has been made to the Girls' Central School, at Rajahmundry, under Miss Schade, in order to make provisions for a Training School for teachers.

Meanwhile, the demands of the medical work, as well as the appeals of our women and their societies, constantly urge that the erection of the Hospital be no longer deferred. The sending out of Dr. Van der Veer justifies the Board in giving the word for a forward movement in this direction. The preliminary inquiry has already been sent to the Missionary Council. It is hoped and expected, as soon as the Boys' Central School has sufficiently advanced, that the superintendent of our building operations can give it his attention, this important enterprise will be undertaken. The plans and specifications have been approved by the Board. The estimated cost is $12,000. For this purpose $2,023.78 are now in our Treasury. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania has a fund awaiting our use of $3,411.01. More than one-half of the estimated amount is almost immediately available. The women of the Augustana Synod have made good progress in selling shares in this building, about $800.00 being raised within an hour at a late meeting of the Society. The effort will not be great to secure all that is required for this purpose. Meanwhile, a building has been temporarily rented to supplement the bungalow on our grounds at Halkut's Gardens, as a dispensary and hospital.

Provision must be made also for more homes to accommodate our increasing corps of missionaries. The Board has asked for suggestions and plans for the location of a station, and erection of a permanent residence for a missionary in the Bhimawaram District. Although three-fourths of our native Christians reside there, the missionary superintending them has always had his home many miles away, at Rajahmundry. The field cannot be properly cultivated without a change.

Earnest appeals have been made for church buildings at Dowlaishwaram and Samulcotta. Plans for the former have been sent us by Rev. R. Arps.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

The starting of several Girls' Schools in different sections of Rajahmundry and its neighborhood, by Miss Weiskotten, was promoted by generous contributions from her friends in America. More land and buildings are needed in order to give them permanent place. A very encouraging fact, exhibiting the growing confidence and interest in our work, is the undertaking, by a prominent native lawyer, who has promised to provide ground, erect a building for one of these schools, and present the title to the Mission. During the furlough of Miss Weiskotten, which will begin within a few months, at furthest, this work will be in charge of Miss Susan E. Monroe.

Shortly after the sad death of the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten in the service of the Board, a project was started to raise a Weiskotten Memorial. Renewed attention to this has been given during the past year. The official authorization is as follows:

"WHEREAS, Friends of the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, who died in the service of this Board in 1901, have proposed to raise and donate a fund for the education of men and women for service in our mission, the same to be kept as a memorial of Mr. Weiskotten,

"*Resolved,* That this Board will gratefully accept and administer such a Memorial Fund."

A considerable amount toward this fund has been received.

A bequest of $1,000 by Miss Clara Schlegelmilch has been reported by her uncle and executor, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq. The Board has resolved to designate some object, to be hereafter determined, as a permanent memorial of the donor.

A gift of $2,000 from a member of one of the congregations of the Pittsburgh Synod, was devoted to the Boys' Central School.

A pledge of $25 annually from Mrs. B. Sadtler and Miss Kate Sadtler, of Lutherville, Md., for the support of a Bible woman, was most gratefully accepted, as affording a beginning for a most important branch of work, which has hitherto received little attention in our field.

Congregations, societies and individuals have shown great interest in supporting scholarships. One of our pastors has provided for the permanency of a scholarship by taking out a life insurance policy for $1,000, in favor of the Board. As there are

limitations, however, to the ability of the Mission to furnish scholars, and as the Mission's needs are so various, the Board is particularly grateful when funds are placed at its call to be used in accordance with the peculiar demands of the hour.

ADJUSTMENT OF CLAIMS.

As the Board understands it to be its duty to fully inform the General Council of all the business transactions which have been discharged in its name, it is necessary to enter at some length into some details.

When our last report to the General Council was made, your English Minutes, p. 33, show that Dr. Schmidt had given possession of the property at Rajahmundry to the Mission, but "had not submitted his accounts for final audit, or complied with the condition of signing papers and finally closing the matter," in accordance with the agreement between himself and Dr. Harpster, (p. 32), approved by the Board (do.) and also by your own action, as the ultimate authority (p. 96). As his annuity was to begin "from the date of the conveyance of the properties, and giving possession thereof" (p. 32), the Board could do nothing more until the property had actually been conveyed. The deed of transfer was not finally signed by Dr. Schmidt until April, 1904, much to the annoyance of the Board, and with great loss of time for our Director in India, as well as for our School Building, which could not be begun until the title was clear. Although, therefore, there had been the loss of an entire year in fulfilling the agreement, the Board, in view of the fact that Dr. Harpster had been occupying "Riversdale" during that time, and of Dr. Schmidt's representations of his straitened circumstances, took the following action (June 2, 1904,):

"WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidt under date of January 19, 1903, formally agreed to transfer certain properties to the Board, on condition that the sum of $300 be paid him annually, and, after his death, to his wife, for the term of her natural life, and

"WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidt gave possession of the properties on or about April 1, 1903, and

"WHEREAS, Dr. Schmidt has donated to this Board for the further carrying out of its work, a tract of land, containing a little more than 30 acres, which tract of land is included in the 'schedule,' therefore,

"*Resolved,* That we believe that the payment of the sum of $300 annu-

ally to Dr. Schmidt should begin with April 1, 1903, and that we feel justified in directing that the order now to be drawn in favor of Dr. Schmidt be for the amount due him from April 1, 1903, at the rate of $300 per year."

An order was drawn accordingly (No. 2116, June 2, 1904,) to Dr. Schmidt for $450.00 annuity from April 1, 1903, to October 1, 1904, and from then on, payment has been made him of every quarter in advance.

Full settlement was also made him by another order (No. 2115, June 2, 1904,) of the entire back account, independent of the annuity, according to the provisions of the resolution, at foot of page 32 of English Minutes of last Convention of this Body. This was, as therein ordered, "a cash payment to Dr. Schmidt for the balance, viz., $200." This account Dr. Schmidt disputes, and as he has given the Trustees of the General Council notice of his intention to contest his claim in the courts, in case an appeal to the General Council be not decided in his favor, it is necessary to restate the facts, although they are summed up in the above-mentioned resolution (p. 32).

The Board counted itself debtor to Dr. Schmidt for two items, viz., salary and a bonus for his daughter, Miss Dagmar Schmidt. When the General Council at Lima, in 1901, ordered his recall, his salary had been paid up to December 31st. Dr. Schmidt continued in our service for seven months, at a salary of $100 per month. The directions to Dr. Schmidt were most explicit, to the effect that his work ended with August 1st, 1902 (See letter in Minutes of General Council, page 27). The Board had first fixed its limit as February 1st, but afterwards added six months (p. 26). $700 is, therefore, all that he could claim as salary.

The bonus allowed Miss Schmidt was in answer to Dr. Schmidt's claim, as one of the conditions of his making the transfer, that she be paid for work as a Zenana sister, undertaken upon Miss Swenson's departure (see foot of page 27). Four hundred dollars were first offered, "payable when you shall have fulfilled the conditions of this agreement" (p. 28). This was afterwards increased to five hundred, and was not a mere concession to Dr. Schmidt's demands, but was an acknowledgment of the valuable and laborious services of Miss Schmidt, according to all the testimony the Board could gather.

The entire amount of the indebtedness of the Board was, therefore, $700 plus $500—$1200.

To offset this, the Board had to its credit Order No. 1746, issued November 25th, 1901, for $1,000, to Dr. Schmidt. This leaves a balance of $200, which was sent, as above mentioned, by Order 2115, June 2, 1904. The delay was from no fault of the Board, the $500 to Miss Schmidt not being due until the transfer was made.

It is true that the order of November 26th, 1901, was not intended to be entirely devoted to salary. $100 was explicitly devoted to payment of one month's salary, and the balance, $900, was sent in order that Dr. Schmidt, with his wife and daughter, might obey the summons of recall resolved upon by the General Council; it being the hope of the Board at first that he could leave India within a month. But since the $900 was not devoted to this purpose, and the recall was unheeded, the Board did not believe itself justified in crediting Dr. Schmidt and charging itself with the expense incurred by Miss Schmidt's trip alone to Denmark, and claimed that, since it had not been returned, the full amount had to be charged against Dr. Schmidt in reckoning the account.

Certain claims have been allowed Rev. E. Edman, M.D., to which allusion was made on pp. 45 sq. of last year's Minutes, and the consideration of which, in the Board, had been interrupted by Dr. Edman's threat to prosecute, and his summary recall, after six months had been given in which to withdraw the threat.

After a careful examination of all the evidence, and upon the advice of our legal representative, the Board believed that it could not do otherwise than allow a large portion of the claim.* It is a part of the penalty that the Mission has had to pay in consequence of the chaotic condition of affairs when the Missionary Council was suspended, and each man was given a measure of responsibility in his district, which rendered him virtually independent. The Board is endeavoring, by its more thorough organization of the work, both at home and abroad, to render such contingencies hereafter very rare, if not impossible.

Another matter, concerning which there have been negotiations with Dr. Schmidt, has had reference to his disposition of a

*The report of the committee, adopted by the Board, is at hand and ready for such use as the General Council may desire.

fund and its investment in real estate in India, for the benefit of the Mission cause. As there has been much interest and discussion concerning this matter throughout our churches, it seems proper that a statement should be here made of the facts, as they have been obtained after long and careful investigation. This fund was never in the hands or under the control of the Board. A gentleman who had been a member of the congregation which Dr. Schmidt served during his brief pastorate in America, before he went to India the first time, placed in his hands, in the year 1895, a considerable sum of money to be used, largely at his discretion, for missionary purposes. Such was the modesty of the donor, and such his confidence in Dr. Schmidt, that it was his desire that the donation be kept an entire secret, even, at first, to the members of the Board, and no account was to be asked for as to its disposal. In a communication to Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, representing the Board, of July 1, 1895, he says:

"Please present my earnest desire to the committee of the Board of Foreign Missions, that our beloved Dr. H. C. Schmidt, missionary at Rajahmundry, be instructed to build a chapel at such place and time, where and when most suitable, to the memory of my beloved wife, ———, and to be known as such, for the sum of three thousand dollars. Should the amount be too small, I will increase the same at the time when so notified; and if Dr. H. C. Schmidt think it advisable to give it a Hindoo name, he should select one. The sum of five thousand dollars be invested by Dr. Schmidt in land and mortgages on real estate in India, and the interest derived therefrom be used for all times for the supporting of a native pastor in that congregation. Further details I will leave the whole matter to Dr. Schmidt, who may consider and arrange the matter. The above sums mentioned are in the hands of Brother H. C. Schmidt, whom I had instructed to keep it as an entire secret, which is even my wish to this day; and I request you not to publish the above in any papers, as he would have to make a report some day. To avoid all misunderstanding, I have chosen this plan, as, with the advice of the committee he can work more free, and shall be glad to hear from you."

The answer to this, by the Corresponding Secretary, under date of July 22, 1895, was:

"Referring to your letter in which mention is made of your very generous contribution to our mission in India, let me say that our Foreign Mission Board is deeply grateful for your handsome donation, and instructed me to assure you of its sincere appreciation of your great kindness and of its purpose to see that your wishes are fully carried out."

The plan which was thus projected was two-fold, viz., first to provide churches and their support by endowments, and, secondly, by the investment of these endowments in lands contiguous to these churches, to provide homes for the Christian native population, at land rents or by mortgages at reasonable rates of interest, as over against the usurious and oppressive rates from which many of our people suffered. Of necessity, the administration of these funds absorbed much of the time of the Senior Missionary, and led to painful embarrassment.

In April, 1904, the donor of this fund met first a committee of the Board, and then the entire Board. On our Minutes, a stenographic report is preserved of his testimony on the latter occasion. With great modesty, he referred to sums of money sent at various times for thirty years, of which he had kept no account, and asked none. Taking a deep and intelligent interest in Foreign Missions in general, and ours in particular, he had concluded that it was a matter of the utmost importance to provide for native pastors, and as the people, in their poverty, could not support them, to establish permanent endowments from the income of lands which Dr. Schmidt was to secure. In answer to the question: "It is your desire that all the funds and lands be transferred by Dr. Schmidt to the administration of our Mission in India?" he answered: "Yes, of course; it was yours from the beginning. I acted *through your representative* all these years." The Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, former Treasurer of the Mission, and Attorney for the General Council in India, who had been in direct negotiation with Dr. Schmidt concerning the transfer, was present, and added his testimony concerning the two churches claimed to have been erected from this fund, and the lands, held in Dr. Schmidt's name, which are believed to represent the investment. The final action of the Board was as follows:

"*Resolved,* That, after having consulted with Mr. J. G. Haas, of Lancaster, Pa., and having heard the statement of the Rev. Mr. Fichthorn, we hereby express our willingness, upon the transfer to us by Dr. Schmidt of the lands, securities and other properties constituting the Haas Memorial Fund, to carry out, as far as possible, the wishes of Mr. Haas, with respect to this Memorial Fund, as expressed in a letter to Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, dated July 1, 1895.

"On motion, a copy of the above resolution was handed to Mr. Haas.

"On motion, Mr. Haas was requested to direct Dr. Schmidt to convey all property included in the Haas Memorial Fund to the Board."

Up to date, this transfer has not been made. Our Director, oppressed with so many other duties, under the burden of which his health threatened to succumb, has not been able to secure a settlement in due legal form from Dr. Schmidt. Meanwhile, the taxes must be provided for, in order to secure the investment from total loss.

Since the most of this report was written, the Board learned with much satisfaction of the arrangements in progress at our Mission to entertain a General Conference of representatives from all the Telugu Lutheran Missions, which was to have met at the close of September. Missionaries from Brecklun, Herrmannsburg and General Synod Missions were expected, and among the subjects of consideration was to be the assembling of a still larger number of Lutheran missionaries from all Lutheran missions, if possible, in India. Our Mission thus diffuses its influence far beyond its own limits, and contributes towards the upbuilding of the future Lutheran Church of India.

The Board makes the following recommendations:

1. The approval of the amendments to Rules and Regulations (p. 7) and of the form of "Contract with Missionaries" (p. 14).

2. The commendation of the Missionsbote, the Foreign Missionary and the Augustana, with its Foreign Missionary material to our people and churches, and the institution of efforts to increase their circulation.

3. The recommendation that November 29th, or a date near then, be duly commemorated in our churches as the bi-centenary of the sailing of Ziegenbalg to India, and of the foundation not only of Lutheran, but of Protestant Foreign Missions.

4. Continued efforts towards procuring the needed funds for the important building operations now in progress, and soon to be undertaken. The funds for the erection of the school building at Rajahmundry should not be withdrawn from those needed for the ordinary expenses of the Mission. Over $5,000 are needed to replenish the Treasury for what has been already advanced.

5. Increased liberality on the part of all our people.

6. The opening of the pulpits of our congregations, and the affording opportunities at Synodical and Conference meetings for the presentation of the claims of the work by our General Secretary.

On behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions,

HENRY E. JACOBS, *President.*

APPENDIX I.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

September 1, 1903, to August 31, 1905.

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The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To balance in hand (General Fund) August 31, 1903	$ 6,013 54	
To balance in hand (India Famine Fund) Aug. 31, 1903, transferred to General Fund	3,514 50	
To balance in hand (Missionsbote Fund) Aug. 31, 1903, transferred to General Fund	1,803 95	
		$11,331 99
To balance in hand Aug. 31, 1903, "Woman's Hospital Fund"		1,074 59
To cash received as acknowledged in "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary," from the following:		
Augustana Synod	$15,087 43	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	13,512 75	
Pittsburg Synod	6,971 13	
Synod of New York and New England	2,675 70	
Canada Synod	1,320 00	
District Synod of Ohio	682 86	
Chicago Synod	566 06	
English Synod of the Northwest	548 27	
Nova Scotia Synod	147 08	
Ministerium of New York	78 35	
Texas Synod	75 00	
Pacific Synod	43 92	
Rev. A. S. Fichthorn, personal contribution	333 00	
Rev. H. Grahn, Bus. Mgr. "Missionsbote," contributions*	3,538 60	
Sundry Donors	7,570 75	
		53,156 90
To cash Wm. H. Staake, Treas. General Council, sundry accts		752 43
To cash, Rev. H. Grahn, Bus. Mgr. "Missionsbote" acct		1,550 00
To cash, Rev. E. R. Cassaday, Bus. Mgr. "Foreign Missionary" account		60 00
To cash, interest on deposits		751 18
To cash, Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., unexpended balance on account expenses to Pittsburg Synod		6 98
To cash, Rev. Geo. Drach, General Secretary, unexpended balance account traveling expenses		34 22
		$68,718 29

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The Treasurer claims credit for the following disbursements:

Treasury in India by drafts to the Treasurer in India and to the Chairman of Executive Committee:		
General Expenses, 1904 and 1905		$16,800 00
Completion of bungalow at Dowlaishwaram		475 00
Repairs to bungalow at Tallapudi		83 33
Repairs to Girls boarding school		66 66
Stamps for transfer of property		50 00
Repairs to Zenana Home	Rs. 34-6	
Contribution to Madras Tract Society	10	
Purchase ten acres land	1,375	
Deficit, two quarters	2,200	

*Under this item are included among others, contributions from the Ministerium of New York, and of the Synod of Iowa.

Repairs at Tadepalliguden	350	
Horse for Rev. Arps	300	
Repairs at Samulkot	400	
	4,469-6	1,556 72
Repairing and repainting Tadepalleguden boat		26 66
Expenses of missionaries to "the hills"		150 00
Purchase of ground at Peddapur		200 00
Contribution of American Tract Society for colporteur		50 00
Well at Dowlaishwaram		200 00
Repairs at Riverdale bungalow		50 00
Purchase of safe		60 00
Appropriation towards erection of Central High School bldg.		8,000 00
Salary of Supt. of building operations Jan. to Oct. 31, 1905		766 44
Advances approved by Executive Committee		13 50
Gifts sent by Ladies' Miss. Sic., Rockford, Ill., to Mr. Isaacson, Parkoman and widow of Lazari		15 00
For partition in house at Rajahmundry for Rev. Wolters		33 00
Completion of Bhimiwaram Church		400 00
Reimbursement of Emergency Fund		216 33
Additional room for training school		600 00
Furniture for Rev. Mr. Wolters	Rs.130	
Furniture for Samulkot	152	
Construction of additional rooms	100	
Repair of Catechist's house at Samulkot	100	
	Rs.482	160 66
Rent of bungalow, Feb. 1, 1905, to Oct. 31, 1905		90 00
Two munshis	Rs.270	
Minutes for publication, Jan., 1904, to Jan., 1905	180	
Fee for Board of Arbitration	20	
Examination fees for Rev. Mr. Wackernagel and Miss Weiskotten	15	
Traveling botta	100	
Transfer of Book Store (Dr. Schmidt)	182-1-4	
Bible Training School	250	
Taxes	180	
Boat license	14	
Gate and repairs at Riverdale	50	
	Rs.1261-1-4	420 35
Emergency Fund for India Treasury		500 00
Furniture Fund, account Rev. Trafford		80 00
		$31,063 65
Board of Foreign Missions General Synod—Salary and horse allowance of Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., 1904 and 1905		$ 3,085 00
Rev. E. Neudoerffer:		
Salary and horse allowance, 1904 and 1905		1,578 75
Rev. R. Arps:		
Salary, children's allowance and horse allowance, 1904 and 1905	$2,810 00	
Reimbursement for deficit on well	77 15	
		2,887 15
Rev. A. S. Fichthorn:		
Salary 1st quarter, 1904	$ 225 00	
Traveling expenses from India	300 00	
		525 00

Rev. F. W. Wackernagel:		
Salary 1904 and 1905		1,305 66
Rev. E. H. Trafford:		
Traveling expenses to India	$ 300 00	
Salary, Dec. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1905	1,258 33	
		1,558 33
Rev. H. E. Isaacson:		
Salary, Dec. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	$1,195 70	
Salary and children's allowance, 1905	1,540 00	
Traveling expenses in service of the Board	37 22	
Traveling expenses to India, self and family	1,200 00	
Purchase of horse	100 00	
		4,072 92
Rev. K. L. Wolters:		
Outfit	$ 100 00	
Traveling expenses to India	300 00	
Salary, Dec. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1905	650 00	
		1,050 00
Miss Agnes Schade:		
Salary, 1904 and 1905	$1,200 00	
Bibles approved and forward by Executive Com	99 00	
Purchase of quinine	10 00	
		1,309 00
Miss E. L. Weiskotten:		
Salary, 1904 and 1905	$1,000 00	
Advance approved by Executive Com	7 44	
		1,007 44
Dr. L. Woerner:		
Salary, 1904 and 1905	$1,000 00	
Hospital allowance, 1904 and 1905	1,000 00	
		2,000 00
Miss H. Wahlberg:		
Salary, 1904 and 1905		1,000 00
Miss Lottie Swenson:		
Traveling expenses to India, and outfit	$ 477 80	
Salary, Feb., 1905, to Dec. 31, 1905	426 08	
		903 88
E. Edman, M.D.:		
Children's allowance in full	$ 175 00	
Balance claimed to be due for expenses on return from India	107 78	
Amount claimed to have been expended for mission and other purposes	450 00	
		732 78
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D.:		
Salary, Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1902 $700		
Bonus for Miss Dagmar Schmidt 500		
$1,200 00		
Less order 1746, Nov. 26, 1901:		
(a) for salary to Feb. 1, 1902 $100		
(b) for traveling expenses from India 900		
1,000 00		
	$ 200 00	
Annuity from April 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1905	825 00	
		1,025 00
Board of Publication—General Council:		
Book and tracts	$ 2 22	
Postals, printing, etc	36 00	

1,000 reports and expressage	160 70	
Reports and blue prints	195 52	
Printing and mailing reports in German for 1903	174 96	
Postage, stationery and expenses, acct. Miss Swenson	100 23	
Postage, keys, etc	16 33	
Printing, postage, supplies, etc., to July 6, 1905	300 82	
		986 78
Rev. George Drach:		
Salary, June, July and August, 1905:	$ 375 00	
Advance payments, account traveling expenses	170 00	
		545 00
Miss Julia Van der Veer:		
Outfit		100 00
Rev. O. O. Eckardt:		
Allowance for July and August, 1905	$ 100 00	
Outfit	150 00	
		250 00
Rev. O. L. Larson:		
Outfit		150 00
Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.:		
Traveling expenses in attending Board meetings	$ 46 50	
Expenses distributing reports	4 59	
		51 09
Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.:		
Balance expenses to Pittsburg Synod	$ 9 00	
Expenses visiting Minnesota congregations, etc	15 78	
Expenses attending consecration services at Buffalo account Rev. Wolters	15 00	
For photographic films for Dr. Harpster	2 25	
To pay expenses of Miss Van der Veer in appearing before the Board	5 00	
Cablegram to India	5 34	
Sundry expenses	6 82	
		59 69
Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.:		
Editorial expenses, "Foreign Missionary"		20 00
Rev. R. Bielinski:		
Editorial expenses, "Missionsbote"	$ 20 00	
Expenses to Canada Synod and New York Ministerium	40 75	
Translating Report	30 00	
Expenses to New York	5 00	
		95 75
Norristown Herald, printing "Foreign Missionary"		104 67
W. S. S. Coleman, agent, renewal of Treasurer's bond		18 00
A. Monhof, printing tract		23 00
W. F. Monroe, printing bill of E. F. Ochs & Co		56 56
Foreign Missionary library		4 00
C. L. Jackson, oak case for scholarship records		11 10
Postage, telephone and sundries		15 50
Augustana Book concern, printing in Swedish		19 50
D. D. Boviard, Jr., examining Rev. K. L. Wolters		5 00
Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D.:		
Cable code	$ 10 00	
Expenses from New York to Philadelphia	10 00	
		20 00
B. F. Owen & Co., book of vouchers		9 20
Rev. C. A. Blomgren, Ph.D.:		
Expenses to Augustana Synod	$ 35 00	
Bill of Augustana Book Concern, printing	18 50	

Expressage	1 57	
		55 07
A. W. Rohrig, stenographic work		5 00
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D., expenses, New York to Philadelphia		23 00
Rev. E. R. Cassaday, business manager, return of contribution erroneously forwarded		2 00
Rev. J. H. Harpster, subscription to 2 copies of "Christian Patriot"		4 00
J. Victor Grim, stenographic work and typewriting		30 00
Miss Laura H. Jacobs, Treas. W. H. & F. M. Soc., Min. of Pa., contributions erroneously sent to Treasurer		30 00
Rev. J. A. Weyl:		
Expenses from New York to Philadelphia	$ 15 00	
Printing bills, acct. farewell sermon to Miss Swenson	4 00	
		19 00
Rev. C. E. Slaett, expenses to New York		4 00
Rev. G. Nelsenius, expenses in attending board meetings		10 40
W. H. Hoskins, books for General Secretary		5 15
Deficit "Foreign Missionary" account		82 27
Balance in hand, August 31, 1905:		
General Fund	$8,775 42	
Women's Hospital	2,023 78	
		10,799 20
		$68,718 29

NOTE.—The Central High School Building Fund, included in the foregoing report, shows receipts of $3,302.75; disbursements, $8,766.44; leaving a deficit on this account of $5,463.69.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP S. ZIEBER,
Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions.

We have examined the Treasurer's account, covering the period from September 1, 1903, to August 31, 1905, and find the same correct.

W. FRED MONROE,
JAS. M. SNYDER,
Auditing Committee.

Sept. 16, 1905.

APPENDIX II.

Organization.

A. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	First Entered Board	Term Expires
Rev. R. Bielinski*	1901	1905
Rev. C. J. Blomgren, Ph.D.	1895 Resigned	1904
Rev. George Drach	1903 Resigned	1905
Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D.	1903 Resigned	1904
Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D.*	1901	1905
Conrad Itter	1897	1907
Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	1901	1907
W. F. Monroe*	1891, 1902	1905
Rev. G. Nelsenius†	1893, 1905	1905
Chas. B. Opp†	1900, 1904	1905
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D.†	1903	1905
Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.	1879, 1884	1907
S. C. Seiple, M.D.*	1901	1905

*Re-elected for four years. †Elected for two years.

Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.*	1885, 1888	1905
Rev. C. E. Slaett*	1901	1905
James M. Snyder*	1901	1905
Rev. J. A. Weyl†	1904	1905
Philip S. Zieber, Esq.*	1901	1907
Rev. A. S. Fichthorn†	1905	1907

OFFICERS.

President, Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D.
Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.
English Recording Secretary, James M. Snyder.
German Recording Secretary, Conrad Itter.
General Secretary, Rev. George Drach.
Treasurer, Philip S. Zieber, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance: Messrs, Zieber, Horn, Monroe, Snyder.
Schools: Messrs. Horn, Weyl, Fichthorn, Rydberg.
Literature: Messrs. Bielinski, Sibole, Nelsenius, Opp.
Nominations: Messrs. Schaeffer, Horn, Bielinski, Slaett.
Property: Messrs. Monroe, Schaeffer, Seiple, Itter.
Women's Work: Sibole, Nelsenius, Weyl.
Field Work: Weyl, Nelsenius, Rydberg.
Executive: Officers.
The President is *ex officio* a member of all committees.

B. MISSION STAFF.

	First sent to India	Entered our Service	Last in America
Rev. R. Arps	1893	1893	1901
Rev. A. S. Fichthorn‡	1902	1902	
Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.	1872	1901	1902
Rev. H. E. Isaacson	1893	1893	1904
Rev. Ernest Neudoerffer	1900	1900	1900
Rev. E. H. Trafford	1903	1903	1903
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel	1902	1902	1902
Rev. K. L. Wolters	1904	1904	1904
Miss Susan E. Monroe	1902	1902	1902
Miss Agnes I. Schade	1890	1890	1901
Miss Charlotte Swenson	1895	1895	1905
Miss Hedwig Wahlberg	1902	1902	1902
Miss E. L. Weiskotten	1900	1900	1900
Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D.	1899	1899	1899
Miss Julia Van der Veer, M.D.	1905	1905	1905

Director: Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.

Executive Committee: Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., R. Arps, H. E. Isaacson, Miss Agnes I. Schade.

Treasurer: Rev. F. W. Wackernagel.

Under Appointment: Rev. O. O. Eckhardt, Rev. O. L. Larson.

*Re-elected for four years.
†Elected for two years.
‡Resigned, 1904.

Report of the American Evangelical Lutheran Mission in the Godavery District, India, for the Year 1904.

We submit herewith a report of our work for 1904. Throughout its preparation we have thought of it as a letter to the churches of the General Council in America. We have tried, in as brief a space as possible, to acquaint the churches, at whose behest we are here, with what we have done during the year under review. We have, in the following pages, made them acquainted with our successes, and we have not concealed our failures. Each missionary has written briefly of the facts and incidents connected with his or her work; and in the back of the report are found statistics carried out in much detail.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

NAME.	WORK.	RESIDENCE.
Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D....	Bhimavaram, Narsapur and Korukonda fields, Rajahmundry Town, Book Depot, Mission Press, Chairman Executive Committee.....	Rajahmundry.
Mrs. J. H. Harpster.....		Rajahmundry.
Rev. Rudolph Arps, B.D.....	Dowlaishwaram Station, Ramachendrapuram and Amalapur	Dowlaishwaram.
Mrs. Rudolph Arps.....		Dowlaishwaram.
Rev. H. E. Isaacson, B.D.....	Samulkot Station.....	Samulkot.
Mrs. H. E. Isaacson.....		Samulkot.
Rev. E. Neudoerffer, M.A.....	Tadepalligudem and Tallapudi Stations	Tadepalligudem.
Miss Agnes I. Schade.....	Girls' Central School, Training School for Teachers	Rajahmundry.
Rev. F. W. Wackernagel, M.A..	Boys' Central School, Rajahmundry and Peddapur High Schools, Mission Treasurer	Rajahmundry.

NAME.	WORK.	RESIDENCE.
Miss Lydia Woerner, M.D.	Woman's Hospital and Dispensary	Rajahmundry.
Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten	Hindu Girls' Schools	Rajahmundry.
Miss Lottie Swenson	Bible Women's Work, Rajahmundry and Dowlaishwaram	Rajahmundry.
Miss S. E. Monroe	Associate Hindu Girls' Schools	Rajahmundry.
Miss Hedwig Wahlberg	Nursing Dep't, Woman's Hospital	Rajahmundry.
Rev. E. H. Trafford, M.A.		Rajahmundry.
Rev. K. L. Wolters, B.D.		Rajahmundry.

NATIVE PASTORS.

Rev. J. William. Rev. P. V. Ratnam.

We call especial attention to the statistical exhibit of the year. Unless this is given, an intelligent grasp of the work cannot be gained.

In almost every item our report shows an increase. The additions by baptism during the year were 2,056. Our baptized membership now numbers 11,938. The number of inquirers, viz., the number undergoing instruction in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, with more or less earnestness on their part, is 2,228. The pupils in our mission schools number 5,227—a very gratifying increase over the previous report. In money and in kind, our people gave, during the year, Rs. 2,577.9.11, or an increase of Rs. 1,779.7.2. We do not claim that this is at all in proportion to the ability of the people to give. One of the missionaries in his report frankly concedes that the people need education along the line of this duty, badly. The number of congregations has, according to the statistical table, increased by 24. We hardly think the actual increase has been so great as that during the year. We think that this apparently extraordinary increase is, to some extent, accounted for by some congregations, being omitted in the last report and included in this.

We had the pleasure of welcoming back the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson, after an absence of 20 months on furlough; and in

January Miss Lottie Swenson, after an absence from India of four years. Our hearts were also made glad by the addition to our mission staff, of the Rev. K. L. Wolters.

None of the missionaries has been at all seriously ill during the year.

The splendid group of Boys' Central School buildings, which will stand on an elevated site of 40 acres overlooking the Godavery River, is under construction. We hope to lay the corner-stone of the main building in June.

A mission hospital has been opened in a rented building and is a boon to the community. With the advent of the additional lady physician under appointment, the new Hospital sanctioned by the Board ought, and, no doubt, will be begun. The new High School building, also sanctioned by the Board, to be erected at Peddapur, awaits the slow process of obtaining the sanction of a building grant from the government Educational Department.

With this much in a general way, we ask the candid attention of the reader to the report of each missionary given herein.

J. H. H.

BHIMAVARAM, NARSAPUR AND RAJAHMUNDRY TALUKS.

Rev. J. H. Harpster, Rev. J. William.

10 Catechists, 14 Evangelists, 101 School Teachers, 1 Colporteur.

WORK AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS.

Numerically there has been growth in the field for which we report during the last year. The number added to the Church by baptism in these taluks is 1,462; total additions, 1,472. Eleven new congregations were added during the year. There was no mass movement in our field, no extraordinary spiritual convulsion, no "boom." The result of our work, such as it is, has been the product of steady effort along the lines of our adopted mission methods and policy. The baptized Christian community in these three taluks at the close of 1904 is 7,318; at the present writing, perhaps nearly 8,000. This membership is scattered through 105 villages. The average number of members to the congregation is 70. Some congregations have a membership of over 200; few less than 25. This Christian community is cared for in spiritual things by one foreign missionary, one native pastor and 126 native workers.

Those are the figures. We anticipate a remark that will be made when this is read. We know as well as the reader, and none shall go before us in saying it, that figures and tabulated schedules cannot be held to show the exact results of missionary work. But, we submit, they do show certain results; and, in one way, it is the only method of estimating missionary work. Moreover, in this age, when nothing can get itself accepted unless it be reduced to figures and thrown into the form of tabulated statement, it seems to be the only way to confront the skeptic and the unbeliever.

If we are asked, then, what we have done and what the result has been, we reply: There are the figures; put what construction you please upon them; you insist upon and accept figures in every department of work; there are ours; we know of no other way of exhibiting our work to those who have no actual knowledge of it.

But, though figures cannot show it, there has been growth along intellectual and spiritual lines also. We are sure of it. We should be ashamed so to doubt the power of the Gospel—its inherent principle of growth—as to doubt that our people are getting on and up. But we know it to be so. An intelligent Hindu, a non-Christian, said to me, "The Christians are advancing more rapidly than any other portion of the community." He spoke as an outsider, and what he said was absolutely true. In the matter of education; in surely but slowly improving social conditions; in a juster appreciation of what the religion of Christ requires of those who profess it, and in better, purer ways generally, our Christian community is going forward to a better and a better future.

The people whose names are on our church rolls, represent widely different stages of Christian consciousness and life. The orderly life and simple piety of some of them is a standing testimony to the grace of God, epistles seen and read of all men. Others have grasped but dimly and feebly the great truth that God is a spirit, holy and righteous, who cannot look with pleasure upon sin. Others, still, have learned but the alphabet, so to speak, of the principles of the kingdom of God—hardly so much as that. But on the whole we cannot but believe that these whom God has given us are adding to their faith, virtue; and to virtue,

knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love.

The heathenism about them is colossal. Why, we even feel its down-drag upon ourselves! What must it be upon those who live and move and have their being in the midst of its deadening influence! As we stand in the midst of it and think of it all, the wonder to us is, not that one now and then sinks back into the old bondage, but that they do not go back to Egypt by the thousands. That they do not, we interpret as nothing less than the sustaining grace of God. Seven thousand Christians in this one little taluk! The Church is being planted. It is striking its roots into the ground; and the fowls of the heaven shall have their habitation and sing among the branches thereof.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

There are 98 schools in the field. The total number of children in the schools is 2,186; an increase of 215 during the year. The fact that we have schools in 98 out of 105 villages shows that we are somewhat alive to the importance of this department of our work. And yet, as the statistical table reveals, we can hardly claim to be succeeding very well in educating our Christian children. It will be seen there that out of 2,859 Christian children in these taluks, only 1,358 are attending school. The showing for the whole mission is not even as good as that. Out of 3,649 Christian children in the mission, only 1,815 attend school—not quite one-half.

There are two main reasons for this state of things: First, the lack of co-operation on the part of the parents. One at all acquainted with the facts of the case will not at all be surprised at this; for he will hardly expect that a community in which not one in a hundred can either read or write, will have a very exalted appreciation of the value of education in general. And this lack of interest will be all the greater where the help of even the smaller children is necessary to the support of the family. As the average Hindu villager looks at it, to send a child to school, who might be usefully employed in herding a cow or goat or looking after the younger children of the family while the elders are away toiling for the day's food, seems a sheer financial loss. At all events, it seems to him a certain present loss for a

doubtful future gain. We may talk to him never so eloquently about the advantages his boy will have by being educated; but, having no education whatever himself, the thing does not seem as plain to him as one might suppose. If he sends the boy to work, he can earn four cents a day. Whether sitting all day in the thatch school house, droning over a book, is worth four cents a day, doth not yet appear. Have we not reasoned with him by day and by night?

A second reason for this state of things is the wooden teacher and his wooden methods. Ignorant as the parents themselves may be of all that is taught at school, they are not ignorant as to whether a teacher teaches or not. And they know, as well as we, that some of the schools, too many of them, are mere pretences—very transparent pretences at that. Nothing has given the missionary more concern than the schools in his district. There has been a good deal done during the year in the way of weeding out intellectually and spiritually unfit teachers. But no process is more difficult.

For all this, it is an encouraging fact and one big with promise for the future, that there are over 5,000 boys and girls attending the schools of the mission. To all these thousands of boys and girls, according to the spiritual earnestness of the teacher, the Word of God is daily taught, prayer daily offered and daily impressions made which, but for the agency of the school would be unknown. The aim we set before us in these elementary schools is that the poorest and most ignorant shall receive at least that amount of education that will enable them to read and understand the Word of God and to become intelligent members of the community and the Church. The process is mortal slow, but something is being accomplished.

TOURING.

During the year we have toured 120 days among the villages. The peculiar relation which the missionary sustains to the whole mission kept him at headquarters when he should have been out among the villages. In these tours, he has generally been accompanied by a number of native helpers who have assisted greatly. Some of them are excellent preachers. The visitation of the hundred and more congregations left him little time for

anything else. Without the efficient aid of the native pastor, Rev. J. William, he should not have been able to care even for the people we have, in any proper meaning of the term. The aim has been to do intensive rather than extensive work. But they come and to all our hesitation and doubt there come the persistent words of Peter, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized?" To baptize them is easy enough; but to care for them, to shepherd them, to train them in the things of God, there ought to be three foreign missionaries where there is but one.

Touring in the Godavery delta, at least, has become a pleasure. The opposition of former years is passing away. It only requires a little friendliness and tact, a little exhibition of the same courtesy toward the natives on the part of the missionary, which he asks for himself, to enable him to go and preach anywhere.

NATIVE WORKERS.

These include one native pastor, 10 catechists, 14 evangelists, 101 school teachers and 1 colporteur. Any one at all acquainted with mission work knows that this is too large a body of subordinates to be placed under one missionary. It is impossible for one man to keep in such personal touch with so large a number as to make the most of them. They fail and fall often when close personal association with the missionary would have saved them. We bear grateful testimony to the efficiency and earnestness of many of these men. We wish we could do it in the case of all. Some have acquitted themselves splendidly; some but poorly; some even contemptibly. But one must be charitable. When one remembers that many of them are placed in remote villages, alone or almost alone, to teach, to encourage, to lead and guide the little band of Christians, with the whole force and power of the low village life against them, one wonders that they carry themselves as well as they do.

In consequence of the missionary's frequent and prolonged absence from the delta the native pastor has had a load of responsibility thrust upon him beyond his strength and ability. There should be a native pastor at Bhimavaram, one at Undi and another somewhere in the Narsapur taluk. With this arrange-

ment even, the work would be beyond their ability or power to bear responsibility. The almost invariable weakness of the native overseer is in the matter of church discipline. Moral obliquity in those under him does not seem to impress him as it does us with a thousand years of Christianity back of us. His own life may be correct enough, but he seems able to view such sins as lying, deception and worse, with a degree of toleration often astounding. The native pastor has worked hard during the year. We simply could not have gotten along without him. The salary of a native pastor is Rs. 25 per month.

Each of the catechists, under the best arrangement we can make, has charge of about 700 of a Christian membership, living in about 10 to 12 villages His duty is to visit the congregations at least once a month, supervise the work of the evangelists in his field, examine and report on the progress of the schools, preach the Gospel to the heathen, etc., etc. His salary is from Rs. 8 to 13 per month.

The evangelist has charge usually of 3 and 4 villages, or congregations. His duty is to instruct the inquirers and catechumens, conduct morning and evening prayers, hold divine services on Sundays, visit the sick, and see to the orderly conduct of the affairs of the congregation. His salary is from Rs. 7 to 8 per month.

The school teacher, as his designation implies, teaches the school. His salary is from 5 to 7 rupees per month.

It is the duty of the colporteur to carry the Gospel into villages and parts of the district to which the other workers are unable to go, their time being fully occupied with their own sphere of labor.

To raise the grade and tone of these fellow-workers, we have always felt to be the highest duty we owe to the mission and the Church. Nothing can exceed, in importance, the raising up of an efficient body of native workers to carry on the work. Nor does there seem to us to be a nobler ambition in any missionary, than the desire to reproduce himself in a well-equipped force of native workers whom the climate cannot drive out of the country, whom no opposition can daunt, whom persecution cannot kill off, who are here to stay.

INQUIRERS.

As will be seen in the statistical table, there are nearly 1,000 inquirers in this field. By inquirers we mean those who have expressed their desire to become Christians, pledged themselves to renounce idolatry, together with the things that go with the monster evil, and have placed themselves with more or less sincerity of purpose under Christian instruction. In the midst of the overwhelming heathenism about them, how many of the thousand will remain firm, we cannot tell but experience enables us to say that most of them will. We can only pray that the power and grace of God may be given them to stand in the evil day, and to us to "watch for their souls as they that must give account."

These inquirers have not been turned toward Christianity by any external pressure, for there has been none; not in the hope of pecuniary help from the mission, for poverty does not press very hard upon the people of the Godavery delta, and they do not need help; not because they do not understand what is involved in becoming Christians, for nearly 8,000 of their relatives and neighbors in the two taluks are already Christians. No doubt, many of them are caught up by the current of their caste drifting towards Christianity, and are being swept along by it; but in more instances, we are sure, it is the response of the human heart and conscience to the messenger and his message of the evangel of Christ.

COLPORTAGE.

The colporteur in this field has worked faithfully. He has had many years experience in the work, and is prudent in dealing with the people. He has been well received in the villages, and has made a good impression for the cause. It is not easy work to sell Bibles to those who have no interest in them; and whilst the number interested in the Bible is undoubtedly increasing, it is still comparatively small. Yet the Bible is making its way. A Hindu, a Brahmin, and one of the highest officials in the district, took me to his home, showed me a Bible which he had bought from the colporteur, and told me that he not only read it daily, but drew daily strength from it for right living. The colporteur's sales are mainly among the youths of the village

schools, and these are largely made up of Brahmin boys. As one of the missionaries in his report says, a high caste man whose spiritual pride would prevent him from listening to the Gospel preached in the street, will often buy a gospel or a Christian tract, and read it in the privacy of his home. Three more colporteurs were appointed in the mission during the year, making four in all. These are too few. The ground to be covered by them is too large. Because of this, scores and hundreds who, without doubt, would buy Bibles and tracts, are not reached. There should be at least one colporteur in each taluk.

There was a time when the Christian Bible colporteur was hooted at and driven from the streets. Such an act is unheard of now. The former prejudice and fear of Christian books is dying out. People who formerly would not touch the colporteur's wares now buy them eagerly enough. The Bible, if slowly, is yet surely working its way. It is found in the most unexpected places—in the homes of Christians and non-Christians, in the house of the Brahmin and the Pariah.

We are grateful to the American Tract Society and the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society for their generous contributions towards the support of this work.

SELF-SUPPORT.

I consider it a hopeful sign of growth that the people are coming to give more generously and cheerfully to the cause of Christ. In the Bhimavaram field the contributions for benevolence amounted to Rs. 606.14.6 in cash, and Rs. 254 in kind; other cash receipts, Rs. 1,580.12.0, a total of Rs. 2,471.10.6, or an increase over the previous report of Rs. 1,051.10.0. The fact is, the increase is greater by about Rs. 150 than the entire contribution in the last report, having almost trebled. It is true that this large increase is partly due to the fact that, to bring about a uniform system in the reports of all our missionaries, some items were included which hitherto have not been reported. But under any circumstances the contributions in the Bhimavaram and Narsapur districts have nearly trebled. In St. Paul's congregation, Rajahmundry, the contributions have increased nearly six-fold over the previous report—having risen from Rs. 147.15.0 to Rs. 847.5.5. In this case, and it is the only case, the contributions of the missionaries worshipping in this church have been included.

This increase in benevolence has not come about without a good deal of hortation on the subject of the Christian's duty to give of his substance for noble uses. It goes without saying that they have not given all they might, but the poverty of most of them is great; of many, abject. It is stated that 30 millions of people in India are always hungry and that 15,000 die of sheer hunger every year. But poor as they are, the foundations of the Christian Church in India can never be said to be permanent and enduring until the Christians of India are willing to take its support upon themselves. That is the end toward which every missionary in his day must work unceasingly.

MISSION BOOK DEPOT.

The Depot has justified its existence. For each missionary to keep a supply of Bibles, tracts, and a general stock of books, would involve considerable extra work as well as capital. All the supplies for the different mission fields are obtained from this central depot. The colporteurs get their stock here. As the Board makes no appropriation for this department of work and as the margin of profit is very small, some books being sold even below cost, the depot requires sagacious management. It is largely a charitable institution and, therefore, a struggling one, and must be. A large amount of Christian literature of one kind and another passed in and out of its doors during the year. A debt, amounting to about Rs. 250, had to be assumed upon the transfer of the management.

Mrs. Harpster has assumed the management of the depot and a gradually improving financial state of affairs is coming about.

THE MISSION PRESS.

The Press has held its own — but hardly. We sadly need several fonts of new type and a cylinder press. The press is practically a self-supporting branch of industry—or would be, if we were not so hampered by the want of a better equipment. The Board makes no appropriation to this work.

The Press was started with two ends in view. First, to train Christian boys in the respectable trades of printing and binding, and, secondly, to issue Christian literature, so sorely needed in the Telugu country. I cannot do better than to quote outright the words of an old, experienced missionary on this subject. He

writes for the Tamil country but the facts and the figures will hold for the Telugu country.

"I know of no industrial training, among missions in India, that is more free from objections, encumbrances and drawbacks. It furnishes every one here taught with a trade which is almost the only one not subsidized and narrowed by the caste system, and which, therefore, everywhere invites our Christian men and gives them a chance for a respectable livelihood.

"But far more important than this is the function of the department as a positive Christian and missionary agency. I know of no other agency, now at work in India, which enters more directly and mightily into the work of directing and developing the life, thought and piety of our Christian community, and which, at the same time, carries more light into the thought, and leaven into the life of the non-Christians in this District and Presidency.

"Even in the Tamil country alone we have 60,000 native Christians who can read, and who need to be supplied with a literature well within their means, and such as can strengthen and nourish their Christian life. And besides this, we have ten times this number of reading non-Christians who have, practically, no tracts or books that can enlighten them, or stir within them, high ideals of life or worthy thoughts of God and duty. This, then, is our opportunity; and it is a door which every year opens more and more widely, and invites with an increasing urgency." These are true words.

I absolutely know of no higher object, or one that promises better results for the kingdom of Christ in the Godavery district, to which to devote, say $300, than to furnish our mission printing establishment with an additional press and the necessary type. I am not without faith that some one will do this.

J. H. HARPSTER.

TADEPALLIGUDEM AND TALLAPUDI DISTRICTS.

REV. ERNST NEUDOERFFER.

1 Catechist, 9 Evangelists, 44 School Teachers, 1 Colporteur.

WORK AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS.

Tallapudi.—The year 1904 began with quite favorable signs for a bright and prosperous year; chief among which was the transfer of the Rev. James from Mahadevapatnam field to

Tallapudi. In March we made a very extensive tour together, covering the whole district, visiting every Christian congregation, inspecting and examining the schools and preaching to the non-Christian community. One of the main purposes of the tour was to introduce Rev. James to the Christian community as their native pastor. I regret to be compelled to report that within the year it became necessary to suspend the pastor, and report him to the Board for unworthy and irregular conduct. His deposition from the ministry seemed, for a time, to threaten the welfare of some of the congregations, but it resulted in no permanent injury. I have tried to counteract the evil done by a special visitation of the churches. In some respects there is evident progress. The attendance at headquarters, Tallapudi, has been better than the year previous. The meetings for prayer have been fairly well attended. This has been chiefly due to the activity of one of the younger members, formerly a school teacher.

The congregation at Gopalpur has undergone great difficulties, and has been the subject of our special prayers. The Kshatrias who predominate here, are ferocious enemies of the Gospel. They determined that, by fair means or foul, the Christians must be expelled from their midst. The question was, how to carry this out. They began with a Christian named Nathaniel, a good, straightforward man who, on one occasion, refused to accept a bribe to give false witness in a false court case. In the beginning of the year they filed a case against him, to the effect that he had polluted the tank water by fishing in it. They lost the case in court. They then bribed a man to swear that he had unmercifully beaten a woman. They lost this case. They next filed a case charging him with having encroached upon their property by building his house over the line. In this case they won; and the poor man is without a home, sheltered in the house of his brother. Subsequently they issued an order that on one in the village was to give the Christians work, and thus tried the starvation experiment upon them. I have tried my best to help the poor people and to comfort them in their trials and have urged them to hold out as long as possible. The saddest part of it all is, that three families have given way under the persecution and relapsed into heathenism. We all hope the remaining ones may be given grace to remain steadfast.

The congregation at Rajahwaram, lying on the western side of our boundary line, which has, at last, been established between the Church of England mission and ourselves, was transferred to the former.

At Polavaram, where we had a few Christians but not an established congregation, 15 were baptized during the year. A teacher has been placed in charge of the work. Eighty-eight days were spent in touring.

Tadepalligudem.—My work in the district has been a more encouraging and pleasant task than in the previous year, partly, no doubt, because of increasing facility with the vernacular and, partly, because of the evidently increasing spirituality, the growing earnestness in Gospel work, and the increasing liberality in giving among the Christians. Most of the congregations in this part of my field have been visited three and four times during the year—having spent, in all, 124 days in this district.

Velpur congregation, one of the oldest and largest, seemed for some time well nigh incorrigible. About half of its members had been baptized with no knowledge of saving truth and with entirely false notions. But I believe a better state of things exists there today. The first change was brought about by the transfer of the young, inexperienced teacher and the appointment of an older man of larger experience. At a special meeting, held one morning, we asked them to repair their dilapidated school-house, supply the necessary school registers, etc. There was a storm in the camp. "Such requests, which involved 2 or 3 rupees, had never been heard of. In the past they had gotten all they asked—school-house, repairs and many other good things—but they had never been asked to give anything. They were poor enough already, and we would be making them all the poorer by such unjust demands." Such was the talk we heard. But knowing that we had not asked too much, we persisted in our demands and gave them some time to consider the matter. A month later the teacher came with the news that they had complied with our requests and that the school house had been repaired. With regard to the Sunday offerings, they were also very indifferent. For example, one man who is cultivating mission land, paying a very slight compensation, most years none at all, never gave one cent into the collection. His conduct was held up to him and he has since given regularly, and even liberally.

Unikili.—This is the largest congregation in this district. Its membership is 210. There is Christian life here. It is well organized, has its elders and deacons, settles its petty quarrels itself, has two church societies—men and women. It has a church fund, which they hope to use for a church building, the present building being too small to accommodate the entire congregation. Still, with these good qualities, they seemed to be wanting in the virtue of giving. With such people, a kind word was sufficient to bring about a greater liberality, and the result is evident. The church collections increased from Rs. 7 in 1903 to Rs. 17 in 1904. The order so well maintained in this congregation is largely due to the energy and faithful work of the evangelist, B. Narayanaswami.

Malleshwaram.—The state of this congregation was rather low, due to the ill-deeds of the teacher, who has been replaced by a pious, earnest and devoted man—B. Aaron. Aaron is beloved by Christians and non-Christians, and finds a willing hearing among caste and outcaste.

Beside our regular evangelistic work among the heathen, we have had a special work among the Christians. Very few women attended religious services—only the men and a few children being Christians. Our chief aim, therefore, was to win the women. It is a matter of thankfulness that a few have been won, and we hope that within another year the former state of things will be a matter of the past. Not only in this but in their works of charity, we see improvement. The collections have doubled within the past year.

Pollamur.—This congregation deserves special mention. Numerically this is one of the smallest congregations, but spiritually it stands incomparably above all the others. It consists of only five families—two members being absent in Burmah. It is a great pleasure to see them in their own, clean, tidy homes; and a greater pleasure to see them at the services of the church. They all respond in the liturgical part of the service and join in all the hymns. This shows that they have committed it all to memory, for comparatively few of them can read. Their liberality is really marvellous. These few poor people gave, in 1903, Rs. 20 for pure benevolence, and 1904, Rs. 41.

We think that what we have said shows that the work is going

forward, and that we may well take courage. Indeed, with a single exception, the same might be said of all the congregations in the Tadepalligudem district.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Discipline occurred with the whole congregation of Batlamugutur, which has for years been a thorn in the side of the missionaries working in this field. The teacher has been withdrawn and the ordinances of the church refused until they show signs of repentance. We are glad to see some evidence of this. Three families were, on account of gross irregularity and quarreling, dealt with in a similar way. But I am glad to say that two of the offenders have repented of the wrong they had done the cause of Christ and will be restored at the next administration of the Holy Communion.

WORK AMONG NON-CHRISTIANS.

Tadepalligudem.—In pursuing my work among non-Christians, I visited 100 villages. Most of these villages, at some time or other, have heard the Gospel. In a large number of places there seems to be a willingness to accept the truth. We have not restricted our work to the Malas, from whom our Christians generally come, but we have preached to all classes. In order to prepare the way for Gospel talks, I have tried to gain the friendship of the educated—schoolmasters and others. To this end I have visited most of the schools from Primary to High School. When I now come to such a village, among the very first people to pay their respects to me are these; and what an opportunity it offers! Three boys of the Tanuku Hindu High School prepared themselves for the Peter Cator Bible Examination, which meant the reading and studying of St. Matthew and Genesis, together with the memorizing of a large list of Scripture passages. Another man, a faithful student of the Bible, visits me every time I come to his village, to speak of Christ and to join in prayer. As a rule, the Hindu dislikes nothing more than hearing a Christian prayer, for he knows he will be included. There are about 12 villages in which regular preaching is carried on and the people are being prepared for baptism. The total number of inquirers is nearly 300.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

One of the chief difficulties which confronts us in this part of our work and stands in the way of greater success, is the lack of school houses and houses for the teachers. In 16 villages in which work is carried on in the Tadepalligudem district, only 10 have school-houses, and 3 teachers' houses. Thus the difficulties under which we labor are evident. Yet the teachers, on the whole, do well. The schools last year received Government grant amounting to Rs. 366.7.0.

Another present drawback is, that by far the majority of our teachers are without regular training, which is, with the Government, an indispensible qualification. Among the 17 teachers employed in the Tadepalligudem field, only two, according to the rules of Government, are properly qualified. According to this, the only schools eligible for grant are the ones in care of these two teachers; but education being still so elementary or in its infancy, they overlook our weakness, examine our schools and pay us grant; at the same time continually reminding us that the teachers must be trained. The question with us is what to do. Our teachers have also charge of the spiritual affairs of the congregations. To send them to the Government Training College would be not only to lose their services for a whole year or more, and be compelled to close some of our schools and draw no grant, but, what would be still worse, the congregations of which these teachers have charge would be without Sunday services. It is a perplexing situation.

Three new teachers were added to the present staff during the year. In the village of Penumantra we purchased a site with money received as grants, and hope to erect a school-house during the ensuing year.

Tallapudi.—In this division, also, progress may be seen. That the teachers worked better, the grants show. There has been an increase of Rs. 30. Two new schools were opened—one at Polavaram and another at Prakkilanka. Two school houses were constructed—at Tallapudi and Malakapalli. A site was purchased at Madhawaram, where we hope to build soon.

NATIVE WORKERS.

The success of the work depends largely upon useful native agents, and these are rather rare in my field. To carry on this work more energetically than before, I have appointed a few more men as evangelists. My present number is 10. But the majority of these are poorly equipped intellectually, their knowledge of the Bible is insufficient and their acquaintance with the doctrines of Hinduism very small. Their presentation of the Gospel is thus, inevitably, weak. To improve this state of things somewhat, I brought them into headquarters during rice transplanting time, when the children come very irregularly to school, and took them through a three-weeks course in the life of Christ. We continue the study at our monthly meetings. This may not seem much, but I know it has been a help to some and that it has created a new interest in Bible study. It is only too evident that we need a Bible training institution with an experienced district missionary at the head. ERNEST NEUDOERFFER.

DOWLAISHWARAM.

REV. RUDOLPH ARPS.

1 Catechist, 3 Evangelists, 35 School Teachers, 1 Colporteur.

The material for a report, which is of interest to the Church at home, is abundantly at hand. But a missionary's work brings with it more experience than can be noted in such a report, and the facts to be related are not so much of an exciting or startling nature as a calm and sober account of things as they really exist, namely, of the progress which the Church of Christ has made during the last 12 months. Numbers and dates, in a review like this, will show the external progress of the work, but whether the internal development has kept pace with the external advancement, is known only to God. How often the desire arises within me that I might be able to look into the hearts of the people in order to see how far the work has been really effective and of permanent value!

WORK AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS.

What has been done, and what has been the result? The 85 days which were spent in touring were chiefly occupied with this part of the work, viz., holding services with the Christians, visit-

ing them in their homes, performing ministerial acts, examining the catechumens, inquirers, etc. There are 54 congregations in the Dowlaishwaram district, numbering from 20 to 360 of a membership. The daily care of these congregations is chiefly in the hands of native workers, teachers and catechists, most of whom possess the most elementary training. The qualities which fit a man for successful work here as at home, are of a spiritual nature. I am sure that many of our friends at home would be surprised at the spiritual power which some of our native brethren show as witnesses for Christ. The influence of these men is always apparent in the congregations over which they are placed. Some of these men possess very little secular knowledge, but they do possess a strong and living faith in Christ, and their influence is visible not only among the congregations, but among the heathen as well. Whenever I visit the villages in which they are working, they are sure to bring me a list of new inquirers or people prepared for baptism. The congregation at Jegurupad, which for many years has been very indifferent towards the Gospel and very negligent in the performance of their Christian duties, has been greatly revived. Old Christians show a renewed zeal, backsliders return with a penitent and contrite heart and the heathen community evinces greater eagerness in hearing the Gospel and crowd the door and windows of the chapel. This has been the work of a really spiritually-minded teacher. Another village which I have always visited with pleasure, is Dulla, where there is a promising congregation under the faithful guidance of our teacher. His registers show a continuous growth. The congregation at Vederaishweram is also growing encouragingly. In the neighboring village of Gopalpuram the interest in the Gospel is greatly increasing. It has, in the past year, increased from 6 to 59. A great many more asked to be baptized but were as yet insufficiently instructed.

Rajahwaramu is an example of the difference in the result of the work done by a spiritual and non-spiritual-minded man. One of my best educated teachers, who worked here for several years, was entirely unsuccessful. Both congregation and school decreased numerically and spiritually. He was succeeded by a teacher not his equal in secular knowledge, but superior to him in spiritual-mindedness. His success was evident from the be-

ginning. The condition of things at once improved. One of the evils in the congregation was that the men had been baptized without their wives. It gave me great joy on my last visit to baptize six of them.

Choppella, a village in which for many years there was no evangelistic work done except by our mission, has during the year been the scene of an unpleasant occurrence. Our teacher there, by his kind disposition and tact, has worked his way into the hearts of the villagers, caste and outcaste. So highly did they regard him, that they helped to build a school-house. The spiritual result of his work soon became apparent. A Sudra—Pullayya by name—came under his influence. The man would come evening after evening to the teacher, sit on his veranda and hear the story of the Gospel. It entered not only his ears but also his heart. He had frequently planned to visit me but was prevented by the vigorous opposition of his relatives. He sent me word through the teacher that he desired to be baptized. I replied, urging him to still continue to prepare himself prayerfully and also to teach his wife the necessity of accepting Christ as her Saviour, and thus avoid future domestic strife. In the meantime an evangelist belonging to the Godavery Delta Mission and living in a distant village, heard of Pullayya and his intentions, frequented his home, perverted his mind and arranged with him to secretly leave his home one night, follow him to Chettypett, 20 miles distant, and be baptized by the Godavery Delta missionary resident there. This missionary baptized him without delay. Is not such an occurrence an utter violation of all Christian comity? But it is one of the many cases where one man sows and another reaps; though it is natural that, in such a case, one would like to reap the result of his own sowing.

In the same village, an elderly Sudra is being prepared for baptism. The difficulties to be overcome by him are great. The objections on the part of his relatives are strong. On one occasion when we visited him, the door was slammed in our faces. On another occasion when he came out to talk to me in a quiet place, we were first interrupted by a man calling to him, "Your cow is loose; you must come and tie her up." He only smiled and continued the conversation. A little later we were interrupted by the voice of a woman, calling to him, "Sir, your

daughter is calling you; a scorpion has stung her." The old man turned to me and said in a sad voice, "So it goes; they continually trouble me; if I speak to them concerning Christ, they abuse me; if I tell them of my intention to be baptized, they threaten me and say that from that day forward they would treat me like a dead man, they would thrust me out of the home and utterly discard me." The question in my mind is, what ought to be done in the case? He is unable to support himself, being weak and nearly blind. His relatives would likely let him starve if he became a Christian. A kind of Old People's Home, into which such people could be received, will gradually become a necessity here as in Christian countries.

Lolla.—We have here a good and large congregation. The original stock was good, and the people are careful that no disreputable element be admitted into the church.

Navapetta.—This village which has been a thorn in my side for nearly ten years, is showing signs of improvement. The four Christian families, an obstinate and selfish class of farmers, gave us no hope of increase in that village. The school was always poor, numbering only from 6 to 10 pupils. I knew that the teacher was not responsible for the condition of things. The matter was the subject of my earnest prayer. In February last I went to the village with a heavy heart, thinking that I would transfer the teacher to a more promising village. On my arrival I was hastily summoned to the sickbed of an influential Sudra, who suffered so severely from malarial fever, that his case had generally been given up as hopeless. I felt, myself, that death was near. Nevertheless, I undertook to treat him, and within two days the fever entirely left him and he was able to leave his bed. I had gained the field. I have admittance into every house and whenever I come I have willing hearers. The schoolhouse once empty, is now too small. Fourteen are ready for baptism. I have reason to believe that this enthusiasm is permanent. The opening so sorely needed, the Lord has granted by blessing the medical aid which I administered. I shall never regret the two years medical course which I took at home.

Atraipuram.—For several years this village seemed to justify expectations of good success, but, at present, has come to a standstill. The earnestness and zeal of the teacher seems in no

wise to have slackened; on the contrary he works faithfully, but for some unaccountable reason progress cannot be reported.

Thus I might lead you through the 54 congregations, which is five more than the year previous, and show you that the progress, though in some places, perhaps, slow, is sure. God's blessing is visibly resting upon us.

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP.

The number of those who communed during the past year is 727. It should be stated, however, that during the first three months of the year I was engaged in finishing my bungalow, and during the second quarter touring was impossible because of the closing of the canals. Thus, practically, Holy Communion was administered in the district only during the second half of the year. In the congregation at headquarters it was administered regularly in each quarter. The number of those communing, therefore, is not as large as it probably otherwise would have been.

Each congregation has its own church register, which clearly shows, at the end of the year who has communed and who has not, and how often.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

The register mentioned above also contains a record of cases of discipline. The usual discipline consists in excluding members from partaking of Holy Communion, which, as already indicated, is one of the severest punishments, in their own estimation, which can be inflicted. A few were suspended because of transgression of the sixth commandment, others because of gross irregularity in church attendance. This, again, is controlled by a church attendance register which shows the presence or absence of each member at the morning and evening service all the year round.

INQUIRERS OR CATECHUMENS.

One item in the monthly report of the teachers is how many inquirers and catechumens there are at his station, and how far he has prepared them for the rite of baptism. A considerable part of the work of instructing them in the principles of the Gospel is done by the teachers. These, again, are supervised by

the next higher grade of workers, the evangelists, whose duty it is to regularly visit villages where there are teachers and Christians. Three men have done this work during the past year under great difficulties; especially on account of the "magnificent distances" of the field. The number is entirely insufficient. More men are needed. The number of inquirers and catechumens instructed by them is over 600, and the villages regularly visited, excluding villages where congregations have already been established, number 27. When I go on tour, one of my objects is to visit these interested hearers.

NATIVE WORKERS.

The native workers in my field are divided into six classes: Ordained workers, catechists, evangelists, schoolmasters, schoolmistresses and colporteurs.

At the beginning of the year, Pastor Ratnam, who was for some time in charge of a portion of the field, was, with the consent of the Board, transferred to the Peddapur High School as Bible teacher. Thus the supervision of the whole field fell back largely upon me. A not inconsiderable portion, however, of the supervision of the native workers and their work falls upon the catechist and, therefore, his responsibility is rather important. Not only should his educational qualities be above the average, but especially should his Christian virtues shine in order to make his work useful and effective. To get such a man is, of course, very difficult. And how are we straitened until we do get him!

A new department in our work is colportage, undoubtedly a very important branch of the work. Through the colporteur Christian literature can often be introduced to homes which the direct preaching of the Gospel cannot reach. This is especially true of the caste people. A Brahmin who will stand aloof whilst we proclaim the Word in the streets, will willingly read a tract at home.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The 27 schools in my district, 4 of them of the primary grade, have been inspected by the official educational officers as well as myself, the former laying all the stress upon secular subjects, whilst I emphasized Scripture knowledge. Christian boys having passed the examination of the above mentioned schools, though

fit to be sent to the Boys' Central School in Rajahmundry, and also boys of the remaining lower grade schools unable to continue and prepare themselves for the primary examination, because of the insufficient qualifications of the teachers, are brought into headquarters and sent to our local mission school; the former chiefly to test their character as regards behavior, diligence and ability, and the latter for the same reason, as well as to complete their primary studies. In this way I am able to furnish boys for the Central School of whom future usefulness may be expected. As already intimated in my report, some schools are in a very flourishing condition while others are rather poor in attendance; and on investigation I have generally been convinced that the blame lies more with the teacher than with the people. To correct this I have introduced the rule that such a teacher must have a regular attendance of at least 20 pupils in case he wishes to draw his regular salary. The effect upon the general attendance is very perceptible.

One obstacle in the way of greater success is a want of uniformity in religious instruction. A uniform curriculum is badly needed, and together with my teachers I have begun to work one out. The best would, perhaps, be a translation of the Sunday-school Graded System of the General Council, which could be used throughout the entire mission.

HEADQUARTERS.

The Dowlaishwaram congregation which has, within the 12 years of my superintendence, grown from 40 to 367, deserves special mention in this record, having added within the last year, 69 new members. Many more are anxious to receive baptism, and 8 families are being prepared for the same. At this point it may not be out of place to add that when the congregation was told by me that plans and estimates of the contemplated church building had been ordered by the Board, they extremely rejoiced and felt greatly encouraged. Within the year the members to participate in the Holy Communion had to be divided into two groups and receive it on two different Sundays because of the smallness of the chapel. One member of the church presented the congregation with a second altar chair and another furnished the church with an additional hanging lamp. The congregation de-

cided, in May, to start a congregational church fund, to which all confirmed members of the congregation are to contribute according to their ability as liberally as possible, but not less than one anna per mensem. The decision was favorably received, and the members responded cordially. Since its beginning, the subscription has steadily increased until today. From this fund, the evangelist, Jeremiah, receives Rs. 1 per month in addition to his salary. The remaining money, about Rs. 60, is placed in a savings bank. The money is to be utilized for the improvement of the church building. This has in no wise decreased the fidelity in contributing to the Sunday offerings. The congregation's special donation to the Madras Auxiliary Bible Society, on account of the Centenary Fund, was Rs. 10, beside the usual annual subscription.

It was a question for a long time in my mind how to increase the Sunday afternoon church attendance which was much disturbed because Sunday is the only market day of the week for this town. For a while I gave the preaching part of the service into the hands of their own preachers and teachers. This appeared rather unsuccessful. I then narrated the story of Luther's life in a series of talks. This also failed to bring about the desired result. So I finally began to base my sermons on biblical pictures taken from the charts sent from America. The result was astonishing. The attendance was almost as great as in the morning. I hope that some good mission friend may remember us with some of these charts, especially those of the New Testament, in the next Christmas boxes. I may add that they are also extremely useful in street preaching.

SELF-SUPPORT.

For sixty years self-support has been more or less neglected in our mission. No wonder that we meet now with such persistent opposition. The well-to-do Christian farmer scolds those who are willing to give. "Do not show them that you have something to give; for if you do, the missionaries will soon cease to educate our children gratuitously, to pay the salaries of our teachers or to build our school-houses. The less you give, the more they will remain convinced of our poverty." Self-support has been begun in different ways. As already mentioned, the

congregation at headquarters pays a part, though a small part, of one evangelist's salary. In erecting new school-houses and repairing old ones, the people have given help in the way of labor, material, etc. The offerings in the whole district have also increased to an encouraging degree. The statistics show details. In the coming year I hope to arrange a monthly church subscription register in every congregation in the field. Apart from the Sunday offerings, we have communion offerings all over the field whenever Holy Communion is celebrated.

Samulkot district.—As a brief appendix to my report, I must add one word concerning the Samulkot district which has been under my supervision during Rev. Isaacson's furlough in America. The largeness of my district and the special work I had on hand with buildings naturally hindered me in undertaking extensive touring in said field. On different occasions I visited Samulkot by boat and by train, administered the Holy Communion, held meetings with the teachers, attended to the repairs of the bungalow, etc. Pastor P. V. Ratnam, who had been transferred to the Peddapur High School, performed ministerial acts and assisted me wherever he could. The catechist, John Henry, toured the field quite regularly and reported at the monthly teachers' meetings concerning the progress of the work. Pittapur, which is the residence of a native Rajah and, therefore, a town of importance, received my special attention. We reopened a school there and erected a school-building. Other changes were intentionally avoided, since I knew that Rev. Isaacson would return within a year or so, who naturally is better acquainted with the field and its necessities than I. The field has now been handed over to the former missionary. Minuter details of the progress of the work, the statistics will show.

RUDOLPH ARPS.

SAMULKOT.

REV. H. E. ISAACSON.

1 Catechist, 7 Evangelists, 15 School Teachers, 1 Colporteur.

As I was in America during the year 1904, this report will be based partly on the knowledge which I had of the field before I left India, and partly on the observation gained since I returned. It is good for a missionary to go on furlough, in many ways. He

learns that there are encouragements and discouragements in the Church at home as well as in India.

There are four congregations in this field:

The Samulkot congregation.—I have visited every Christian family in Samulkot since my return in order to see them and know them personally. This congregation consists mostly of those who have embraced Christianity as adults. Most of them are converts of a few years only. In judging a congregation in this country it is necessary to take this fact into consideration: Sunday mornings they come to church, as a rule. Sunday afternoons we have a prayer-meeting at one of the homes of the Christian families and a short exposition of some Bible passage, and then conversation with the Christians, whether they grow in divine knowledge or not. In this way we come in personal contact with the members of the congregation and learn to know them. We judge a congregation with reference to its relation to the means of grace. As a rule the Christians attend the Sunday services regularly. They also come to the Lord's table and bring their children regularly to Holy Baptism. They appreciate a religion in which the children can be members of the church. One member of the congregation had an only son whom he loved dearly, but God took his son home to eternal rest. It was a great trial for the father. He thought that God had ceased to be gracious to him. He began to doubt the Word of God. He lived through many dark days, and it took a long time before he could be consoled and reconciled. Finally light came to him, and he understood that God had dealt with him in kindness. He understood that his son had become dearer to him than his Saviour. From that day there was a transformation in his life. He said, "Now I have nothing to tie me to this earth, and I will more fully consecrate my life to the service of God." This shows that the Spirit is working in the hearts of these people.

A missionary learns a great deal from the deathbeds of these people. One of the members was very ill. It was evident that he could not live much longer. I asked him whether, as he was soon to stand before the Judge of all men, he had any fears. He said he knew that he was sinful and had shortcomings, but he said he knew that Christ paid the debt of sin, that he was forgiven and was ready whenever the Lord came to take him to

His heavenly home. I shall never forget how his face brightened up when he said the last words. Knowing the many temptations these people have, who have just come out of heathen darkness, a missionary feels happy when they remain faithful to the end.

A few days after our return to India I went to see an old woman who was lying on her deathbed. Her house was a hut with four walls and only a bamboo mat over her head for a roof. The only piece of furniture in the house was a cot on which she was lying, covered with a torn old blanket. She did not murmur nor complain. She was ready to meet her Saviour. Nothing will be written about her after her death, but she will be a testimony to the power of the Gospel in a far-off heathen land. The power of the heathen darkness is great, but greater is the power of Grace, through the means of grace, in calling out of darkness, enlightening and preserving in the true faith.

Sometimes our expectations and hopes are raised, and sometimes they are disappointed. Satyanandam became a Christian five or six years ago. He was very earnest in his prayers and devotion and diligent in attending the divine service for a long while. But while I was on furlough he became a Vedantist. He lapsed into heathenism again. The power of darkness is very strong, and it is a great wonder that not many more become backsliders, when we take into consideration their environments as heathen and the tremendous force of the heathen spirit, the spirit of idolatry, caste and superstition. It was a great disappointment to us that Satyanandam had lapsed into heathenism, and we can only pray for him that God may yet save him.

Isaac was another person in whom we were greatly disappointed. He was in our Boys' Central School for a number of years and was quite a promising boy. His brother had been in Natal and there earned about $2,000 and came back with the money. He built a nice house; and altogether the young man became inflated with pride on account of his bettered condition. He became cold and indifferent; and now he lives like a heathen again. It is very trying to us to be thus disappointed in promising lads.

Samulkot is a village which is quite noted for gangs of thieves and criminals. It is a stony field, yet God is giving us an open door at the present. In Samulkot where the united efforts of

Baptists and Lutherans have mostly exerted their powers, we have the fewest number of Christians. In Ardateegala, Rampa Hills, about 40 miles from Samulkot, where we did the least work, on account of the feverish region, we have more Christians. We have now a congregation among these Hills, where for 3,000 years idolatry, superstition and all heathen vices ruled.

The people on the Hills are more independent than the people on the plains—good material if we can gather them into the church.

Katlamur Congregation.—The majority of the members of this congregation are women. In other places, where the work is new, the usual thing is that the men embrace Christianity before the women do. The women cling longer and more tenaciously to their old faith than men.

The Prattipad Congregation.—This congregation is 17 miles from Samulkot. The first Christian family was baptized nine years ago. Their conversion came about in the following way: The father of the family had been ill for a number of years, and upon hearing the Gospel message and, in particular, how Christ healed all kinds of diseases, he prayed to Christ to cure him and, at the same time, he made a vow that he would become a Christian if Christ healed him of his sickness. God heard his prayer and healed him; and the man with his whole family became Christians. He has been steadfast in the faith since that, and I hope he will remain so until the end.

The congregations are very important in the conversion of India. We must always bear in mind that the conversion of India has to be done by the natives of the land, when God has prepared them for that stupendous work. For the inception and foundation of this work the foreign missionary is needed, but there will come a time when he will no longer be needed. Keeping this fact in view, it will be apparent how important the work of the congregations is in India. In India, as in the Roman empire, converts to Christianity are from the bottom layer of society. In the Roman empire many of the Christians were slaves, and in India the converts are to a large degree, at least in Southern India, from the so-called lower classes. The leaven of the Gospel works from the bottom upward. This is a happy state of things. It is the Providence of God. Had the higher

classes first accepted Christianity, they would not, on account of the caste feeling, have admitted the lower classes into the Christian fold. As the movement is now coming from the bottom upward, the transition will be easy. When the lower classes have been raised by education and general culture, it will be easy for the higher classes to enter the Christian church.

The outlook is very bright. There will come a day when the people of India will embrace Christianity. The chosen people of India are the lower classes. They are the plastic clay which God is forming in His hand to become the messengers of truth to the wise and the proud.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The village school and the village school teacher are very important in India; particularly as all the Government schools are non-religious. The vast majority of the parents of our Christian children do not know how to read or write, and having come recently out of heathen darkness, their knowledge of Christianity is naturally very limited. Hence the more urgent it is to teach the young the Christian truths. The Church must care for the young, teach them, instruct them, and train them up to become good Christians. Our aim is to teach every Christian child to read and write a little. The Christian children should know how to read their own Bible and to sing their own religious lyrics, and that, of course, in the vernacular. It must be understood that the people among whom we mainly work have been in utter ignorance for ages and would continue to be so unless we establish schools among them.

Properly conducted the importance of these schools can hardly be overestimated. It is and will be an important factor in raising the Christian community intellectually and morally. In a Christian country the mere ability to read and write does not seem a very great acquirement, because it is so general or universal; but in India it is quite different, where the percentage of the literates is so infinitely small. Village schools also help to open up the doors to the Gospel message. The village school is one of the Gospel agencies. If we gain the hearts of the children of India, we also gain the hearts of the parents. Even if the children are

not Christians, they become friendly towards Christianity, if they attend a mission school.

As soon as the children are able to read they are taught Luther's Smaller Catechism and Bible Stories. Here vernacular literature is needed. Happily the Telugu Lutheran Publication Society is providing this literature.

INQUIRERS.

When I came to this field eleven years ago, there were hardly any inquirers. Now we have inquirers in nearly every village. The doors are open everywhere. The people listen with great earnestness to the Gospel message in every part of the field. They are eager to be instructed everywhere.

There are two extreme views with reference to receiving inquirers into the church by baptism. Some baptize with little or no systematic instruction, and some expect a perfect Christian before baptism. Between these two views, no doubt, the golden medium lies. Heathenism ought not to be brought into the Christian Church. There is danger of baptizing them too soon. On the other hand, by delaying baptism too long, many become cold and are lost to the Church.

NATIVE WORKERS.

Among native workers we have principally three classes on this field: Catechists, Evangelists and School Teachers. The catechist is a general helper or assistant to the missionary. His duty is to examine, teach and instruct the inquirers and prepare them for baptism. There is only one catechist in the Samulkot field.

It is the duty of the evangelist to travel about from village to village with the Gospel message to the heathen as well as to the Christians. He is to encourage, exhort and teach the Christians, supervise the congregations and help to teach the inquirers. There are seven evangelists on this field. Five of them have been appointed this year. I expect much of this move on this field. The catechists and evangelists are zealous, God-fearing workers. Most of the teachers also are painstaking. Of course, some of them are still young and inexperienced. It is also a hard task to teach a number of dull and careless children in India.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

We have only one chapel at Samulkot. In the district we have nine school houses, and these houses are also used for divine services on Sundays.

TOURING.

This is an important feature in a missionary's life. In touring our work is manifold. Our principal work is to see the Christians, preach to them, teach them, exhort and admonish them to be steadfast in the Christian faith and to grow in Christian knowledge and grace, and to administer baptism to Christian infants and the Lord's Supper to communicant members; to examine the inquirers and to baptize them if they are spiritually prepared to receive the rite. Early in the morning and late at night we proceed to the villages and hamlets to preach. Then, if there are Christians in the village, we have Bible reading and a short exposition of some Bible passages and prayer with them, and then they go to work. That being done, we go to the caste quarters of the village and preach the Gospel to the caste people. Our work among them consists of preaching and conversation. In the evening we go through the same routine as in the morning. The seed of the Word is sown in this way in all the towns and villages throughout the district. The people listen with great eagerness, but the power of darkness is great. The hindrances and obstacles to be overcome are many.

SELF-SUPPORT.

This is a very important subject. Our efforts henceforth will be to throw more responsibility on the native church in helping to support the native ministry. If we could get pure and upright Telugu men, full of love for the cause of Christ, willing to travel among their own people and live as they live, share their food, stop in their homes and work for a salary of, say, Rs. 10. a month, I believe that we should have a few self-sustaining congregations in a few years. This cannot be accomplished without great efforts on the part of the missionary. I hope to have a better showing next year as to collections and self-support in general.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

We had to exclude one member from the church on account of his giving his daughter to one of our former teachers, who had been dismissed from the service, because he left his wife.

PITTAPUR.

The Canadian Baptist mission has opened a station at this place, eight miles northwest of Samulkot, and put a missionary in charge of the same.

It will be remembered that in a Board's letter of 1903 it was indicated that Pittapur should be made one of our stations. In 1900 the late Rev. F. W. Weiskotten inspected the place and approved of a site on which to establish the buildings. It is the seat of a Hindu rajah.

H. E. Isaacson.

THE BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY.

Rev. F. W. Wackernagel, M.A., Principal. Mr. G. Perianayagam, B.A., L. T., Head Master.

Seventeen Assistants.

At a recent meeting of the Mission Council, the Boys' Boarding School at Rajahmundry was given a definite, significant name, viz., "The Boys' Central School." Heretofore the institution went under the name "Seminary," which conveys the idea that this school is purely theological in its character. Although there is religious instruction in every class and form of the school, the school is preponderatingly secular, being similar to Primary, Lower Secondary and High Schools conducted by mission societies in India and recognized by Government. "The Boys' Central School" signifies that from the villages and towns of the several districts in our mission field, where education does not go beyond the Primary grade, boys capable of higher education are gathered into one school at Rajahmundry, where they receive such instruction as their native villages do not afford, fitting them the better for mission work.

The dormitories are still located in the midst of the sights, sounds and smells of a heathen community, by no means the best

environment for Christian youths who are expected to be the saving salt of a portion of the Telugu country. It is a matter for great congratulation, however, to be able to say that work has been begun on the new quarters on an eminence north of the town. The dormitory system now obtaining is what is commonly known as "the family system." In the compound, where are also St. Paul's church, the principal's bungalow, cook house, dining shed and hospital, there are four houses having eleven rooms in all, in which by crowding, 120 boys, not more, can be accommodated. In these rooms the boys are distributed according to the size of the rooms. An older boy, usually of an upper form, is the head of the family, so to speak, and is directly responsible to the principal. The principal is very ably assisted in conducting this work by M. Devadass, Garu.

At the writing of this report there are 109 boys boarding in the school. They come from the various mission districts as follows:

Bhimavaram	45
Dowlaishwaram	27
Taddepalligudem	21
Tallapudi	6
Korukonda	5
Samulkot	4
Rajahmundry	1

As a special favor to the Breklum mission, to enable him to read in the High school, one of their boys was received to the boarding department at Rs. 2 per mensem and a concession rate fee. A like courtesy was shown the Church of England Mission Society, Dummagudiem, by admitting two of their boys.

As above stated, the dormitories can accommodate 120, and at the reopening of the school in January, no new boys were admitted. Moreover, several boarders were sent out on account of age, inability to study further, or misbehavior. One boy was taken out of the school by his father and is now a day scholar. This will account for the reduced number of beneficiaries. To the 109 occupied scholarships, four held by poor Christian non-boarders, residing in Rajahmundry, may be added. Fourteen of the boarders dropped on account of age or inability to go on in English, will enter the Bible Training class. There does

not seem to be any good reason why the scholarships should not be continued to them whilst undergoing Bible training.

Doubtless when the new quarters are ready for occupancy a larger number of suitable boys will be received; but the number should not be made so large as to make the establishment unwieldy for the missionary in charge.

About a stone's throw from the north wall of the dormitory compound is the school building, formerly a missionaries' bungalow. The curriculum embraces a range of knowledge from the Infant standard to the Sixth Form or Matriculation class, including the Telugu alphabet, prose, poetry, penmanship in Telugu and English, drawing, geography, arithmetic, history, science, geometry, Luther's Small Catechism, and the Holy Scriptures in English and Telugu. The building is not large enough to accommodate all the classes. A shed has been erected in the same compound, where three classes are taught, and two occupy two rooms in the church building. The inspector of schools was good enough to overlook these disadvantages on the strength of the management's representation that the accommodations would be amply sufficient after the completion of the new quarters.

It must be understood that the school is not attended exclusively by native Christians. A large number of non-Christians attend. They are, however, in the minority. Another matter that should be kept in mind is this: A very strong Government school is located at Rajahmundry. With it our school must compete. Because of its better appointments it follows naturally that as many as can gain entrance there will go there, and that those who cannot or who can get no concession, will seek entrance into the mission school. Nevertheless the mission school makes a very fair showing in comparison with the Government High School.

The enrolled strength of the school, according to departments and classes, is distributed as follows:

	Christians.	Hindus.	Total.
Primary	53	29	82
L. Secondary	91	12	103
High School	27	58	85
Grand total			270

All castes, Pariah, Madiga, Mala, Sudra and Brahmin, are represented. But one Mahommedan attends the school. Class distinctions in the class room are not tolerated. The only display of caste prejudice is that of the Brahmin waterman who refuses to pour water for non-Brahmins. He fears expulsion from caste in case he should pour water for non-Brahmins. However that may be, the Brahmin boys would leave the school in a body unless there were a waterman of their own caste to pour water for them.

The results of the annual examination were, on the whole, disappointing. Boys who were altogether certain that they would pass, failed. This was the case in all the departments. The school sent up 50 to the Primary examination, 40 of whom were Christians. Of this large number only 10 Christians and four Hindus passed. Hereafter no boys will be sent up for this examination, for the reason that, by a resolution of the Mission Council, only those who have passed the Lower Secondary examination will be employed as agents.

The results of the Lower Secondary examination were also disastrous. Twenty-three boys were sent up—11 Christians and 12 Hindus. Only three—two Christians and one Hindu—were successful.

The Matriculation results were just below fair. If one-fourth of the number sent up pass, the results are considered fair. Eleven candidates were sent up, three of them Christians. Only three, all Hindus, passed. One of this number, M. Venkanna, deserves special mention. He was not only successful in the Matriculation examination, but also in the Upper Secondary, an examination somewhat stiffer than the Matriculation. The distinction is heightened by the fact that of the 80 candidates appearing for the Upper Secondary examination from the whole Godavery district, only four were successful, and these four were from mission schools: one from the A. E. L. M. High School, Rajahmundry, two from the A. E. L. H. High School, Peddapur, and one from the C. M. S. High School, Ellore. It can hardly be denied that this speaks well for the schools conducted by missions.

The Peter Cator Fund offers money prizes and certificates of

merit to successful candidates who take either the Lower or Higher examination in the Bible and Christian Evidences. High School boys, usually of the V. Form, ranging from 14 to 17 years of age, appear for the Lower Grade examination, which ordinarily takes place in November of each year. Seven boys from the mission schools appeared and five received certificates of merit—four Christians and one Hindu.

Religious services are held every school day morning, consisting of a Scripture lesson, a brief address and prayer. The Primary and Lower Secondary departments meet in St. Paul's church for devotions conducted by Christian masters in the vernacular. The High School department meets in the school building. The principal, assisted by the head-master, conducts the devotional services. Attendance at prayers is compulsory in the case of Christian boarders. While Hindus are not compelled to attend, no opportunity is lost to impress upon them that morning prayer is the most important part of the daily routine. The attendance at these services is very good, a large proportion of those attending being Hindus.

The Bible and Luther's Catechism are taught in the Primary and Lower Secondary departments in the vernacular. In the High School department the New Testament in English—this year St. Mark—was taught nine hours a week by the principal. Whilst conversions from Hindu ranks, as the fruit of such labor, are indeed rare, so far as outward appearances go, yet that there will be fruit ultimately, we do not allow ourselves seriously to question—God giving the increase to such planting and watering.

A Luther League has been begun by a number of Christian High School boys. They meet every Sunday afternoon for Bible reading and the discussion of some religious subject.

Some important changes in the staff of teachers have been made during the year. The former head-master and the teacher of the IV. Form resigned their posts. Their places were filled very satisfactorily.

The school is supported by scholarships endowed by patrons in America, by fees, and by a small local grant.

A statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year under review is given below:

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1904	Rs. 148. 0. 7
From the Mission Treasury	6530. 0. 0
From School fees	2135. 8.11
From grants	175. 0. 0
Other sources	71.14. 0
Total	Rs.9060. 7. 9

EXPENDITURE.

For all purposes	Rs.9721. 6.70
Deficit	660.14.10

Students' Progressive Union.—This is a society for promoting neither political, socialistic nor religious movements. It is purely literary in character and affords students in the High School department opportunity to exercise their English in the way of essays and debates. It supplements the English course. Attendance and the payment of a nominal fee is obligatory upon all the students of the High School.

Athletics.—*Sana mens in corpore sano* is an aphorism holding good in India as well as in less enervating climates. The student's body as well as his mind must have discipline. The Government urges athletics for all recognized schools. The mission school is fortunate in having the services of a very competent certificated Mahommedan gymnastic teacher. The boys are daily put through a course of physical drill, and some of them are no ordinary gymnasts. Foot-ball, Badminton and tennis are practiced with a great degree of enthusiasm.

Health.—The general health of the school during the year has been very good. Cleanliness in person and habits is vigorously demanded. There have been no epidemics in the school. Occasionally there have been cases of malarial fever, boils, sore eyes and the like. Dr. Woerner has been very kind in supplying medicines from the mission dispensary, and in more severe cases giving her personal attention, although this does not exactly fall within the sphere of her work.

Through the generosity of the Swedish Ladies Mission Society, which sent Rs. 140. through Miss Wahlberg, to be expended as she might deem wise, a hospital shed was erected at a

cost of about Rs. 70. In this the sick are isolated until able to resume their studies.

In concluding this report it may be proper to state that, this being the first report of the kind, considerable matter has been included which need not appear in subsequent reports. The purpose of so lengthy a report is to give the supporters of the school at home an idea, at least, of the character and work of the Boys' Central School. We submit it with the earnest hope that it may be the means of increasing the interest of the Church in America in the school which, beyond all controversy, is a power for good in this Hindu community.

FREDERICK WM. WACKERNAGEL.

PEDDAPUR HIGH SCHOOL.

REV. F. W. WACKERNAGEL, M.A., Principal. M. RAMA RAO, B.A., Head Master.

Fourteen Assistants.

This superior school is not so well known to the American constituency as the Boys' Central School at Rajahmundry. This report, it is hoped, will not only serve to introduce it to such supporters of the mission endeavor in India as know not of it, but also to better the acquaintance with it of such as know that a school of the kind is attached to the mission. The report shall be largely historical.

The school is located at Peddapur, an almost exclusively Brahmin community, about two miles west of Samulkot. The school consists largely of Brahmin youths, with a sprinkling of other castes, and a few Christians from this and the Canadian Baptist missions. The curriculum is similar to that of the Rajahmundry school.

This institution owes its inception, in 1891, to the Rev. E. Edman, who was then missionary in charge of the Samulkot field. Its grade then was that of a Primary School. In 1894 the management was taken over by the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, the present missionary in charge of the Samulkot field, to whose exertions the school is indebted for its present position. In March of the following year, four months after the present head-

master took charge, it was raised to and recognized as a Lower Secondary School. In 1897 the IV. Form, in 1899 the V. Form, and in 1900 the VI. Form were established and recognized, competent teachers having been added to the staff from time to time, to meet the requirements of the school and satisfy the conditions of recognition. Owing to the rapid increase of the strength of the various classes and the raising of the standard of instruction, the original building, which was a rented one, was found insufficient for the accommodation of the school. A larger building was rented and occupied in 1897, in which only the Secondary departments assemble, the Primary department having been detached and located in the former building.

The institution was maintained by the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, who, for a long time, spent considerable of his private funds in its support, assisted by a salary grant-in-aid for the High School, and a results grant for the Primary School.

In April, 1903, the school was handed over to the mission. The school is entirely dependent for its support upon fees and grants. Appended is a statement of the year's (1904) receipts and expenditure:

RECEIPTS.

From fees	Rs.6837.9.6
From grants	1548.0.0

EXPENDITURE.

For all purposes	Rs.8816.8.0

Rs. 600.0.0 for the new building site and Rs. 336.0.0 for the salary of the Bible teacher are included in the item of expenditure, which, if deducted, will leave the income greater than the expenditure by Rs. 504.15.10.

The staff, with Mr. M. Ramapao as head-master, is made up of the necessary number of qualified teachers, among whom are several of more than ordinary efficiency. They receive salaries according to their qualifications—ranging from Rs. 95. down.

Of the members of the staff three have been connected with the school for 13 years, one 12 years, one 10 years, one nine years, one eight, several seven and six.

The enrollment for the year is 475. The boys are mostly from the Brahmin class, many of them coming from the neighboring

villages. As there is no hostel connected with the institution, the students take lodgings with their caste people, or their families come and reside in Peddapur whilst they are attending the school.

During the year under review the school has been provided with a valuable scientific apparatus, and considerable additions have been made to the library.

The Rev. P. V. Ratnam, formerly pastor in the Dowlaishwaram field, has been appointed Bible teacher in the school. It was hoped that a Bible teacher might be placed in the school, and the mission was gratified by a request from the school itself that such an instructor be appointed. The Bible is taught daily. More Bible teachers should be appointed for the school and will be as soon as capable men can be secured.

Though the school has been doing good work, as acknowledged by the Government inspecting officers, from time to time, yet the want of a suitable building is, in a great measure, a source of disadvantage to the best interests of the school. Both the Home Board and the Indian Government have been appealed to for funds to erect a new and suitable building. The Board has generously sanctioned the erection of a building to cost Rs. 18,000. Plans and estimates have been submitted to Government, and we are encouraged to believe that the customary grant of one-third of the cost of the buildings will be sanctioned.

The Peddapur High School is worthy the support of the Church. It has become a part of her mission work in India. It is a veritable open door, rarely granted to mission societies, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to a large number of Brahmin youths who, in the providence of God, may prove a leaven that shall leaven the whole lump.

F. W. WACKERNAGEL.

CENTRAL GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS AGNES I. SCHADE.
Six Teachers.

This school, heretofore known as the Girls' Boarding School, rejoices now in its new name, as one of the good things received during the year. The first term opened in January with 140 enrolled, of whom 119 were boarders and 18 day pupils. Of the

boarders, 39 were newly admitted, and the whole number exceeded that of any previous year. The school is of the Lower Secondary grade, covering eight years' work, beginning with the Infant class.

Owing to some changes in the staff of teachers, we were rather short of help during the larger part of the year. The teachers did faithful work and they were rewarded by fair results in the annual examinations. Fourteen of the seventeen in the Primary class were promoted, and the six girls in the Lower Secondary class all passed in all the branches.

In July drawing was introduced as one of the regular branches. A beginning in English was made with a few of the brighter girls, but as there was not much desire shown for it, little stress was laid upon it.

After the summer vacation, school reopened on June 16th, and we entered upon the tenth year of the history of our Girls' School. In comparing the present condition of the school with the beginning in 1895, we found great reason to be grateful for the blessing with which the work in the school had been attended. The number of boarders increased from 29 to over a hundred. The grade advanced from the I. Form to the III. Form, or Lower Secondary.

The work, in part carried on with a borrowed teacher, has for some years been largely done by teachers from the school itself, and at the close of the ninth year we had the satisfaction of having our own Training School for teachers. The rented buildings, in the course of a few years becoming very much crowded, were exchanged for our own present comfortable buildings.

The new undertaking for the year was the opening of a Training School for mistresses in connection with the Central Girls' School. It is of the Lower Secondary grade. The number of students enrolled is five, all our own girls. During the summer vacation the foundation and basement of an addition to the building were laid. This additional room was required for the Training section. The East wing, containing two rooms and verandah, was completed early in the year, and has added considerably to our comfort and convenience.

The most notable event of the year, which caused much anxiety, was a siege of smallpox during March and April. Some cases were of a mild kind, while others were more serious. In all about 60 girls were attacked. At one time 46 were on the sick-list. All recovered. September brought its usual number of fever cases, as did also the northeast wind after the second monsoon.

The home life in the dormitory, which forms an important feature of the work in a boarding school, was given the usual care and attention. Besides the spiritual and moral training of the girls, we must strive to train them in habits of order and cleanliness in all their household work, keep them profitably employed outside of school hours, arrange for wholesome food and suitable clothing, and care for the sick—all of which requires considerable personal attention.

The two Missionary Societies connected with the school held regular meetings throughout the year. The senior society celebrated its seventh anniversary in March, and the junior in November. Both societies contribute towards the same objects, viz., evangelical work in the Rampa district, the Bible Society, the New Hospital Building Fund, the Leper Asylum and Panditta Ramabai's work in Kedgaon.

TWO NEW HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

These were opened during the year. One in Jamipetta in January for the girls of the weaver and shepherd castes, and the other in Mangalavarampetta in March. The former has 35 enrolled and the latter 43; but in both cases most of the children are in the Infant standard. Although not much can be said of progress during the first year in schools of this grade, yet when we look over the year's work and consider the condition of the pupils, we have reason to feel encouraged and hope for a bright future for the schools. Both schools are held in rented buildings, and we trust that in the course of time we may have our own mission buildings for them.

ZENANA WORK.

This branch of the work has been, as far as supervision is concerned, somewhat neglected, but the three Bible women employed have done faithful work. The opening of the Hindu

Girls' School and the Training School added to my work, so that I was not able to visit the homes as frequently as before. A weekly meeting was held with the Bible women for the study of the Word and for prayer, and such other help as they required was given them. The number of homes in which regular teaching is done is 104, and the number of women taught about 400, besides quite a number who hear occasional lessons. In many cases considerable earnestness is manifested by the pupils, and the Word of God, which does not return void, will here in God's own time bring forth abundant fruit which will redound to His glory, in that it shall be for the saving of many souls.

Miss Swenson who formerly had charge of the work, will return early in the spring and resume charge. We feel grateful that it has been made possible for her to return and trust she may be kept in health and strength and be permitted to see the fruits of her labor.

AGNES I. SCHADE.

MEDICAL WORK.

MISS LYDIA WOERNER, M.D. MISS HEDWIG WAHLBERG, Trained Nurse.
Three Bible Women. Hospital Assistants.

The Missionary Dispensary during 1904 has been well attended.

New patients	5,641
Visits	12,179
	17,820

According to castes they were as follows:

Europeans	38	Sudras	1,745
Eurasians	281	Komaties	142
Christians	1,216	Malas	347
Brahmins	1,697	Mahommedans	175

1,558 home visits were made in treating 248 patients in their homes.

OPERATIONS.

Teeth extracted	107
Abscesses eviscerated	82
Obstetrical operations	25
Minor operations	9

COST OF SUPPORT.

Total expenditure, 1904	Rs.2306.0.0
Receipts, including private fees, dispensary fees and donations..	1288.6.4
From the Mission Treasury	1574.2.6

The Mission Dispensary is now an established institution. Patients come from far and near for treatment. Many of them return to their villages, not only relieved physically, but also carry back the Gospel message. These patients relate to others all they have seen and heard. It has happened frequently that some months later relatives and friends have come to us and asked to see certain Bible pictures representing Jesus who helps to make people well. They repeat the story so accurately, that there is no difficulty in finding the picture they desire to see.

The Bible women and my helpers have been very faithful. Since July Miss Wahlberg has joined our staff and work is going on nicely.

The Municipal Board of Rajahmundry has granted Rs. 300. a year toward the support of the Mission Dispensary in appreciation of the help it renders to the women and children of the community.

Recently a native gentleman said: "Since the Mission Dispensary has been opened in our midst the women have grown quite independent." Formerly their ailments had to be confided to their male relatives who would call on the physician and procure medicine for them. Now, without the necessity of a general family conference with the men, the women come directly to the dispensary and, usually, without escort, and consult me personally. By this direct treatment much better results are obtained. Moreover, their coming to the dispensary is a good antidote for caste prejudice. It is interesting, in cases where they attend for some time, to notice the change that comes over them. The indifference to the Bible lesson gives way to interest, and often the Bible woman is asked to come to their homes to give them further instruction. The disgust of sitting in the same room with outcast Mohammedans and Christians also passes off, and their sympathy is awakened for the sufferings of others.

As time goes on the need of a hospital is felt more and more. Almost daily we must send patients away unrelieved, for the

reason that we have no place to keep them. Their sorrow and disappointment is often very distressing. Occasionally we can persuade a few of them to go to Guntur or Madras.

To supply this need we have for the present rented a native house and expect to fit it up as a hospital for in-patients. With God's blessing this small attempt may be a blessing to many suffering ones. Many a life could be saved if the patient were removed in time from the dark, dirty, small room and placed in a hospital bed under proper care. But, alas, too often I am called as a last resort, when the patient is dying and everything has been tried that ignorance and superstition can invent.

This class of patients I usually find outside the house in the street, on the verandah or in the yard. There they lie with hardly any protection over them in the hot sun and rain. Some time ago a high caste woman, whom they had placed out in the street at night in the pouring rain, by her cries of distress called forth some sort of pity from her husband and relatives. They placed the old cot with the dying woman in a cow-shed which had a leaky, palm-leaf roof. Everything was cold and wet. To me it seemed the cattle which stood in awe and silence, had more sympathy for the suffering woman in their midst, than the relatives. The mother-in-law was sitting some distance away watching for "the last breath." The other members of the family were inside, preparing for the cremation and other funeral rites.

The fear and superstition about death among the Hindus is indescribable. Yet this fear will also disappear as the light of the Gospel penetrates these minds and homes of spiritual darkness.

ZENANA WORK.

Most of the women whose homes the dispensary Bible women visit in the afternoons, have been our patients. It is always a pleasure to see how heartily these two Christian widows are welcomed, even in some of the most orthodox high caste homes. In many of these homes one or both of these widows have helped to save a life. This service is never forgotten, and the love and gratitude we receive from these people is much greater than our disappointments.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

There are three Sunday-schools connected with the Medical work, and they have been well attended. The early morning Sunday-school which meets on our verandah at 6.30 o'clock, is very interesting. It consists of men, women and children from the neighborhood—a few Christians, some Brahmins, Sudras, Mohammedans, and the rest Malas.

There are no caste distinctions here. I often tell them, as they sit on the floor together, that thus it will be in heaven where God will show no preference to caste or color.

These poor, half clothed and half fed children contributed out of their great poverty this year, Rs. 7.12.0. Of this amount Rs. 3.0.0 was sent to the leper hospital.

The Sunday-school for high caste children meets at 10.00 a. m. in the dispensary. M. Devadas, B. Alexander and K. Marie have done good and faithful work in this school. These children are bright and intelligent. They comprehend and remember Bible truth easily. We, therefore, continue to sow the seed and hope that many of these children, as they grow older, may turn from their idols to the love and the worship of the true God.

At 4.00 p. m. the little English Sunday-school, consisting of about 35 Eurasian children and adults, meets in our bungalow. Of late many Eurasian families have settled in this neighborhood. The English church is far away. They have no Sunday-school except this one. No wonder the children look forward with pleasure to Sunday afternoon. Like every one else in India they like singing and learn very readily. They render the Children's Day and the Christmas services very well. There is a great work to be done among this class of people.

It is encouraging to see our little band beginning to think of others and realize the need and suffering of others around them. Last year's offerings amounted to Rs. 50. It was mostly given to benevolent purposes.

Thus the year has passed full of work and blessing. God has been very good to us, and in His name we go forward.

L. WOERNER.

HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Emilie L. Weiskotten. Miss Susan E. Monroe, Associate.
Ten Teachers.

The object of these schools is chiefly to bring the Hindu girls of this part of India, where our mission is working, in contact with Christian influences, and to teach them daily the precious truths of the Word of God, that they may learn to know Jesus as their Redeemer. It is with the prayer that God may cause the seed thus sown to bring forth fruit an hundred fold, that this work among the children is carried on. Although these schools are primarily for Hindu girls, they are not exclusively for them; our Christian girls also being admitted. There are four schools under my supervision.

Riverdale.—This is the oldest school, having been opened by Mrs. Schmidt twenty-two years ago. It is located at the entrance of our Riverdale mission compound, where a school building was erected for the purpose. Many a girl has been impressed by the Gospel truths. Some of them are now sending their own children to this school.

Of the 70 pupils at present enrolled, four come from Christian, the others from Hindu homes.

In December the Christian head mistress of this school was married to a man from the Church Mission, Masulipatam. This necessitated the putting in of a head master, as there were no other Christian head mistresses available for the position. Beside the head master there are two Christian mistresses imparting instruction here. The school is recognized by Government, and this year received a grant of 200 rupees. The examination results were good.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of St. John's and St. Mark's congregations, Philadelphia, support this school. A Sunday-school opened here by Miss Sadtler is doing good work. Lately boys have been encouraged to attend, and some of these are very eager to learn. Instruction is imparted in the vernacular by Miss Monroe, M. Jivaratnam, one of our Christian young men, and H. Ratnamma. This is a most interesting work, through which we hope to reach the boys and, if it be God's will, the young men, that they may also learn to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Bethlehem.—This school is located in Old Rajahmundry and was opened in December, 1903. The teacher engaged here had taught a number of years in Riverdale school. After a short time she felt herself unable to continue the work and resigned. As no teacher was available the manager filled the position until the following March. At present there are two Christian mistresses and a Hindu head master at work in this school. There are 90 pupils enrolled, all of whom are Hindus.

The school, now of the Upper Primary grade, has been recognized by the Government and will next year receive a grant according to Government examination results. The children did moderately well in this year's examination.

Bethlehem congregation, Philadelphia, supports this school.

In July, previous to the opening of the day school, a Sunday-school had been opened here. The owner of a house in this part of town offered, rent free, a part of his house for this purpose. Among the pupils attending have been young men attending the Rajahmundry college. Many of the scholars, both boys and girls, are very bright and interesting. Miss Monroe, P. Elizabeth and V. Kantamma, also two of our young men, K. Gabriel and John Moses, are doing splendid work here.

Aryapuram.—This school was opened in March, 1904. This section of Rajahmundry is comparatively a new one. It is a growing community and the population is largely Brahmin. A number of girls from here, who had been attending Riverdale school but were staying away because of the distance, were gathered in, thus forming a nucleus for the new school. One of our Christian mistresses was placed in charge. The following June her marriage to a teacher in Noble College, Masulipatam, necessitated a change. Her sister, being qualified, took the position. There are at present 35 pupils on the roll, two of whom have Christian parents. The others come from Hindu homes. The examination did credit to the faithful work done by the mistress.

The Government has recognized this school and it will receive a grant next year according to the proficiency of the pupils. The Sunday-school, though small, is interesting. Rhoda, the wife of C. McGiel, and M. John teach here. The latter is a most enthusiastic teacher. With God's help great things can be done here.

Lakshmivarampetta.—This school was opened by Miss Schade in the beginning of 1904. One of the Christian girls who had completed her course in the Central Girls' School, and had just been married, was given charge. This is a section of the town where the Punchama class of people live. Only those who have worked among this class know how averse they are to sending their girls to school. The caste people, as a rule, are willing to have their girls educated to a certain degree, but most Panchamas seem to have no use whatever for girls' schools. It will take time before they are educated up to this point. Among the 13 girls attending this school some are very bright, and two of them are children of Christian parents. Some months after the school was opened, the Sunday-school was commenced here by the mistress, M. Sundaramma, who teaches every Sunday and has an exceedingly interesting class of boys and girls. Sometimes women from the village attend. We trust that the light of God's Word, going out from here, will brighten many a cheerless soul and bring comfort to many.

In these schools instruction is given in the Word of God, Telugu poetry, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, Indian history, object lessons, sewing, Kindergarten and calisthenics.

Bethlehem, Aryapuram, Lakshmivarampetta schools are held in rented houses. The Aryapuram house is in a tumble down condition; but the location is good and a new building is most desirable.

EMILIE LOUISE WEISKOTTEN

LACE INDUSTRY.

MRS. J. H. HARPSTER.

Lace making is not new in Rajahmundry mission. The facts are not at hand to give an accurate account of the work as carried on in past years. But for some years it was neglected and had become almost a forgotten art.

The many changes in the mission had left no one to supervise the work, to encourage the workers or to find sale for the lace. We found a few women working at it as a pastime or, perhaps,

with the hope that the missionaries would buy their work, for they seldom had any other opportunity of disposing of it. With one or two exceptions they had grown careless and were making an indifferent quality of lace.

Recently the work has been revived and extended. During the past year 40 women have been taught the industry. The most of these are from the districts; some of them are widows, some unmarried women and some the wives of teachers and catechists who, in turn, are teaching other women in their villages. The kinds of laces made are Torchon, Maltese and Honiton, but principally Torchon, as it is the most simple to learn and finds the readiest sale. A few of the women make exquisite lace of the finer varieties, but their patterns are limited. It is most difficult to secure patterns of fine old laces. Thus far we have found that money cannot buy them. And so much are they valued by those who are so fortunate as to possess them that one feels almost like committing a theft, if she attempts to trace them from the bit of lace over which they have been made. We once heard the superintendent of a large lace industry say, "Our patterns belong to the mission, and we have no right to give them even to our dearest friend."

In addition to the laces, a number of the women are expert in making crochet doilies that find a ready sale in America. In fact the demand for these is much greater than we have thus far been able to supply.

In all over 70 women are now engaged in lace making—all Christian women. These women are not confined to any particular district but are from nearly every taluk in the mission.

This is an industry that is particularly adapted to native women, for it does not require them to remain in any central place. After it has been learned, it can be carried on in their humble home, as only occasional supervision is necessary. Some of the women work industriously, others as they have time after their simple household duties have been performed or as they have inclination. The average village woman has much time when she has absolutely nothing to do—no sewing, no reading, only brushing up one unfurnished room, cooking a pot of rice and curry and the scouring of a few pots. This is all; and, perhaps, even these are done by some other member of the household. When

one of these women has been taught lace making she generally appears to take pride in her accomplishment, shows delight in her honest labor and manifests a self respect and independence before not known to her. She feels herself just a little superior to her idle neighbors and often awakens in them a desire to learn also. She also acquires tidy habits, for she soon finds that clean hands and clean clothes are necessary if she is to make lace that will be accepted. A woman who has become expert and works steadily can earn nearly as much as a school teacher. During the past month one woman received Rs. 7 for her work. The average worker, however, does not receive nearly so much. The helpless condition of many native Christians has been a source of great anxiety and perplexity to missionaries. In nearly every mission the subject of self-support is being more and more agitated. Industries for men and women are being more generally established by which means communities will become independent and self-supporting.

This department is carried on without any expense whatever to the mission. The sales of laces have not met the expenses thus far but we believe they will in time. There is no lack of opportunity to dispose of the lace. We have had several offers for the output. One friend in England offers to dispose of it there and thus save the customs duty the United States requires us to pay. Another friend in America offers to arrange with a dealer in laces there for its sale. But we do not simply wish to dispose of the work. We want the women at home, to whom the Mission owes so much for their generous support of other objects, to have the pleasure of helping in this department also. We desire for a number of reasons to sell this lace to the supporters of the Mission in America. It will, in a certain way, keep them in touch with our work in India and it will be a visible proof of what our native Christian women can do and are glad to do when the opportunity is given them.

M. J. HARPSTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Mission deposits its funds with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., bankers, Madras. Moneys are paid out by cheque on order of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

STATEMENT.

Receipts, First Quarter, ending March 31, 1904.

Balance in treasury, Jan. 1, 1904	Rs. 52. 0.6
From Home Board	15992. 7.0
From other sources	665.15.6
Total	Rs.16710. 7.0

Charges.

For all purposes	10012. 8.3
Balance	Rs. 6697.14.9

Receipts, Second Quarter, ending June 30, 1904.

Balance in treasury, April 1, 1904	Rs. 6697.14.9
From Home Board	12761. 8.8
Total	Rs.19459. 7.5

Charges.

For all purposes	9091. 1.6
Balance	Rs.10368.5.11

Receipts, Third Quarter, ending September 30, 1904.

Balance in treasury, July 1, 1904	Rs.10368. 5.11
From the Home Board	8883. 3. 3
From other sources	1206.13. 7
Total	Rs.20458. 6. 9.

Charges.

For all purposes	12273. 8. 3
Balance	Rs. 8184.14. 6

Receipts, Fourth Quarter, ending December 31, 1904.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1904	Rs. 8184.14.6
From Home Board	6088. 1 9
From other sources	360 0.0
Total	Rs.14633. 0.3

Charges.

For all purposes	7716. 5.0
Balance	Rs. 6916.11. 3

Total receipts, 1904	Rs.46010. 2.3
Total charges, 1904	39093. 7.0
Balance, Jan. 1, 1905	Rs. 6916.11.3

The amount on hand does not represent a surplus balance. After deducting Rs.6088.1.9, the first appropriation for the new quarters of the Boys' Central School, the actual balance, Rs. 828.9.6, is had.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK WM. WACKERNAGEL,

Rajahmundry, 1904. *F. M. Treas. in India.*

LIST OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND PATRONS IN THE BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL.

No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Palaparti David	13	Form I	Bhimawaram	Melanchthon	Rev. J. Shunk and wife, Harrison City, Pa
2.	Monakonda John	17	Form IV	Bhimawaram	Long Memorial	Young Ladies' Bible Class, Holy Trinity, New York City
3.					Bethany	Boys' Luther League, Baden, Pa
4.	Vepparti Venkataratnam	14	Form I	Bhimawaram		Local Centre, Erie, Pa
5.	Vardanapu Andrew	15	Form I	Bhimawaram	Drexel	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg, Pa
6.	Godi Sadhuri	16	Form I	Bhimawaram	Trinity	Sunday-school, Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
7.	Konala Prakasem	16	Form I	Bhimawaram	W. J. Mann	Sunday-school, Frieden's Church, Myerstown, Pa
8.	Mogalapu Sundararas	11	Standard IV	Dowlaishwaram		S. Phillippy, Grace, Newark, N. J
9.	Pidakala Kripadanam	15	Form I	Bhimawaram	Schindel	Egypt and Mickley's Churches, Lehigh county, Pa
10.	Pothurazu Sadhuru	15	Form II	Bhimawaram	Augsburg	Luther League, Leechburg, Pa
11.	Manukonda John	11	Form I	Bhimawaram		Woman's Society, Zion's, Lancaster, Pa
12.	Adidela Sundararas	13	Form II	Bhimawaram	Hasselquist	Luther League, St. Michael's Church, Sellersville, Pa
13.	Velagapalli Isaac	12	Form I	Bhimawaram		Ladies' Society, Swedish Church, Round Rock, Texas
14.	Busi David	12	Form I	Bhimawaram		Mrs. P. Hoffman, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
15.					Zion's	Ladies' Mission League, Zion's Church, Wheeling, W. Va
16.					C. W. Schaeffer	Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Germantown, Philadelphia
17.						Miss Libbie Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa
18.	Chitturi Jesudas	14	Standard IV	Bhimawaram	St. Mark's	Susan A. Nippes, Bustleton, Pa
19.						
20.	Ravi Samuel	10	Form I	Bhimawaram	Artman	Sunday-school, St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia
21.						
22.						
23.	Pidakala Juvaratnam	11	Standard IV	Bhimawaram	Evans	Sunday-school, St. Peter's Church, Evans City, Pa
24.	Puthala Reuben	12	Standard IV	Bhimawaram		Willing Workers, St. Michael's Church, Germantown, Phila
25.					George Rigg	E. E. and C. P. Schummelfang, First Church, Warren, Pa
26.	Alamuri Mark	12	Form I	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, Perkasie, Pa
27.	Gangi Jacob	13	Form I	Tadepallegudem		
28.	Kokkingedda Jesudas	17	Form I	Bhimawaram	John Arndt	The Misses Worley, Trinity Church, Reading, Pa
29.	Vagiri Benjamin	17	Form II	Bhimawaram	Davis Garber	Mrs. Davis Garber, Allentown, Pa
30.	Pothurazu Prakasem	15	Form II	Bhimawaram	Calvin Seaman	Mrs. A. E. Seaman and Bible Class, Zion's Church, Frackville, Pa
31.	Battula Moses	17	Form II	Bhimawaram	Warren	First Church, Warren, Pa
32.	Mappadi Jesudas	17	Form V	Rajahmundry		
33.	Panthagani Gabriel	14	Form IV	Bhimawaram	George Weyman	First Church, Pittsburg, Pa
34.	Kandikatla John	17	Form VI	Bhimawaram		Foreign Mission Society, Ljunghed Church, Albert City, Iowa
35.	Medapati David	15	Form I	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Trinity Church, Middlepoint, O
36.	Parsevapu Jacob	12	Standard IV	Bhimawaram		
37.	Talari Jesudas	17	Form I	Dowlaishwaram		Dr. C. H. Harry, Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa
38.					B. M. Schmucker	Sunday-school, Church of the Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa
39.	Namabattula Lazarus	14	Form III	Kurokonda		Senops Kornet, Messiah Church, Burlington, Iowa
40.	Tadepelli Jacob	16	Form I	Kurokonda		
41.						
42.	Maddikonda Luke	14	Form I	Korakonda	Gustavus Vasa	Sunday-school, Swedish Church, Ophiem, Ill
43.	Muppadi Johan	18	Form VI	Rajahmudry		Rev. Frank N. D. Buchman, Philadelphia
44.	Pattella Benjamin	20	Form VI	Tadepallegudem		Woman's Missionary Society, Reformation, Rochester, N. Y
45.	Jemana Paradesi	13	Form I	Dowlaishwaram	Althouse	Infant Class, St. John's, Easton, Pa
46.	Rayapati Theophilus	14	Form I	Dowlaishwaram	Krauth	Young Women's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
47.					Becker	Sunday-school, Grace, Franklin, Pa
48.	Veeravelli Paul	16	Form II	Dowlaishwaram	Wittenberg	Zion's Church, Rev. Isenschmidt, Wilmington, Del

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
49.	Gunnabattulu Samuel	11	Standard IV.	Rajahmudry		Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Germantown, Phila
50.	Balla Anandam	12	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		
51.	Gopola Samuel	16	Form IV.	Dowlaishwaram		
52.						
53.						John F. Jones, Chicago, Ill
54.	Deva Anandam	11	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. C. H. Harry, Trinity, Norristown, Pa
55.						Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa
56.	Pilli Mark	14	Form II.	Samulkot	S. Ansgar	Woman's Missionary Society, Grace, Norristown, Pa
57.	Sodadasi Isaac	11	Form I.	Bhimawaram		
58.						
59.	Pilli Prakasem	10	Standard IV.	Dowlaishwaram	Salem	Sunday-school, Salem Swedish, Chicago, Ill
60.	Somabattula Samuel	15	Form II.	Samulkot		Church, Advent, New York City
61.	Jetti Sickamani	12	Form I.	Samulkot	St. James	Louisa Grim, Allentown, Pa
62.						
63.	Polinati Cornelius	17	Form III.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, New Holland, Pa
64.	Gamidi Sathianandam	18	Form III.	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Trinity, Bangor, Pa
65.	Mendey Thomas	14	Standard IV.	Dowlaishwaram	Indiana	Missionary Society, Zion's, Mulberry, Ind
66.	Jetti Juvaratnam	17	Form II.	Samulkot		Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Mother House, Phila
67.	Tuluri Venkataratnam	18	Form III.	Dowlaishwaram		
68.	Bethala Johan	12	Form II.	Bhimawaram		
69.	Teli Pedakripadanam	11	Form I.	Tadepallegudem		
70.					Axtell	Bethany Church, Axtell, Neb
71.						
72.	Chikiley Devadanam	9	Standard IV.	Bhimawaram	Upsala	Sunday-school, Zelienople, Pa
73.	Nittala Prakasa Rao	13	Form II.	Kurokonda		Sunday-school, First Church, Galesburg, Ill
74.	Dylapelli Philip	16	Form IV.	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, Zion's, Erie, Pa
75.	Prodduke Samuel	13	Form I.	Dowlaishwaram	Muhlenberg	Sunday-school, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
76.	Mandalanka Premanandam	19	Form II.	Tallapudi	Father Heyer	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Theol. Sem., Mt. Airy, Phila
77.	Vardhanapu Kripadas	12	Standard IV.	Bhimawaram		
78.	Tellam Paul	14	Standard IV.	Dowlaishwaram	Lydia	Missionary Society, Fair Haven, Mulberry, Ind
79.	Lankapalli Lazarus	12	Standard IV.	Tadepallegudem	Gustavus Adolphus	Sunday-school, Mannhead, Stanton, Iowa
80.	Badithi Luke	16	Form I.	Tallapudi		Luther League, St. John's, Erie, Pa
81.					St. Matthew	Mrs. T. W. Boileau. Bustleton. Pa
82.	Vara Zechariah	17	Form IV.	Tallapudi	A. H. Franke	Sunday-school, Emmanuel Church, Germantown, O
83.	Polaparti Joshua	17	Form III.	Tallapudi		Mrs. J. O. Knipe, Trinity, Norristown, Pa
84.	Teli Joseph	18	Form V.	Tadepallegudem	Baker	Woman's Society, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa
85.	Razala Moses	10	Form I.	Tadepallegudem		Sunday-school, Grace, Bethlehem, Pa
86.	Puthala Charles	11	Form I.	Bhimawaram		Church, Good Shepherd, Overbrook. Phila
87.	Teli Chinnakripadanam	10	Form I.	Tadepallegudem	Phoebe	Missionary Society, St. Peter's, Bethlehem, Pa
88.	Pidakala Sathianandam	13	Form II.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Mark's, Pennsburg, Pa
89.	Kawa Reuben	13	Form II.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school. Zion's, Treverton, Pa
90.	Mylabattula Juvaratnam	11	Standard IV.	Bhimawaram		Mustard Seed Society, Messiah. Burlington, Iowa
91.	Ravi Joseph	15	Form I.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Phila
92.	Gundi Nathaniel	13	Form I.	Bhimawaram		Missionary Society. St. James. Altoona, Pa
93.	Pilli Anandam	13	Form III.	Bhimawaram		Mission League, Christ's. Pittsburg, Pa
94.	Addanki Samuel	19	Form II.	Bhimawaram		Bible Class, Swedish Church, Brockton, Mass
95.						Mrs. Charles A. Heinitsch. Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
96.	Chrimadada Joseph	14	Form I.	Bhimawaram		Luther League, Trinity, Norristown, Pa
97.	Nelaphrolu Isaac	18	Form VI.	Rajahmundry		Sunday-school. First Church, Greensburg, Pa

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
98.	Thota Juvaratnam	11	Form VI	Bhimawaram		Mission Band, Trinity, Bangor, Pa
99.	Kattragadda Shadrach	14	Form II	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, St. Stephen's, Toledo, O
100.	Nanneti Judah	15	Standard IV	Bhimawaram		Bertha Walter's Class, Tacoma, Wash
101.	Alamuri Paul	14	Form II	Bhimawaram		Mary E. Showalter, Trinity, Norristown, Pa
102.	Taluri Kripadanam	12	Standard IV	Bhimawaram		
103.	Manukonda Sadhuru	11	Form I	Bhimawaram		Redeemer and Epiphany Churches, Milwaukee, Wis
104.	Vennuluri Joseph	16	Form III	Dowlaishwaram		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa
105.	Mangamuri Sadhuru	20	Form VI	Dowlaishwaram		Mission League, First Church, Monaca, Pa
106.					Ziegenbalg	Woman's Society, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y
107.	Pilli Juvaratnam	17	Form IV	Dowlaishwaram		Ladies' Missionary Society, Chicago Lake, Minn
108.	Pathalu Abel	13	Form II	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Leippe, Trinity, Reading, Pa
109.						
110.	Matha Barnabas	17	Form III	Dowlaishwaram		J. H. Keppelman and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa
111.						Woman's Missionary Society, Trinity, Reading, Pa
112.	Battu Jesudas	17	Form III	Dowlaishwaram		Dr. C. M. Richards and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa
113.	Pilli Cornelius	11	Form I	Dowlaishwaram		W. S. Mohr, Trinity, Reading, Pa
114.	Benjamin Wood	17	Form IV	Rajahmudry		Miss Mohr and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa
115.	Dylapelli Richard	13	Form I	Tallapudi		Judge G. A. Endlich, Trinity, Reading, Pa
116.	Busi Peter	12	Form I	Tadepallegudem		A. R. Bard and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa
117.						
118.	Kolli Peter	11	Form I	Tadepallegudem		S. S. Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa
119.	Chikili Johan	17	Form II	Tadepallegudem		Mrs. H. S. Muhlenberg, Trinity, Reading, Pa
120.	Pattula Judah	11	Standard IV	Tadepallegudem		St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y
121.	Gollapalli Nathan	11	Form I	Tadepallegudem		John Mayer, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
122.	Potla Elisha	14	Form I	Tadepallegudem		
123.	Neetipudi Jacob	10	Standard IV	Tadepallegudem		Mission Class, Swedish Church, Brockton, Mass
124.	Vipparti Israel	9	Standard IV	Tadepallegudem		Bethany Church, Nebraska Conference
125.						Sunday-school, St. Michael's, Sellersville, Pa
126.	Gollapalli Jesudas	16	Form I	Tadepallegudem		Kate Shoemaker, Greensburg, Pa
127.	Bandila Nathaniel	17	Form I	Tadepallegudem		Mrs. Behler and others, St. Maria, Shellsville, Pa
128.	Puthala Jonathan	11	Standard IV	Tadepallegudem		Luther League, Butler, Pa
129.	Bandila James	17	Form I	Tadepallegudem		St. Michael's Church, Sellersville, Pa
130.	Gangi David	11	Form I	Tadepallegudem		
131.	Kaki Kripadanam	9	Standard IV	Dowlaishwaram		Junior Missionary Society, Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
132.	Dolla Jesudas	14	Standard IV	Dowlaishwaram		Young People's Society, Ljunghed, Albert City, Iowa
133.	Kayala Jesudas	11	Standard IV	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Resurrection, Brooklyn, N. Y
134.	Battina Paradesi	17	Form II	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Band, St. John's, Pittsburg, Pa
135.						
136.						Woman's Missionary Society, St. Mark's S. Bethlehem, Pa
137.						Luther League, St. Peter's, Chicago, Ill
138.						
139.						Luther League, Trinity, Pottsville, Pa
140.	Chilla Mark	16	Form V	Bhimarawam		C. Paul, Norristown, Pa
141.	Arigela Jacob	13	Form I	Tadepallegudem		Mrs. P. S. Ermold and others, Trinity, Reading, Pa
142.						Sunday-school, Meadville, Pa
143.	Paduri Prakasem	13	Form I	Kurokonda		Passavant Missionary Circle, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa

NOTE.—Total number of beneficiaries, 113; total number of supporters, 117. Several of the scholarships are used for students who have entered the Bible Training Class.

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No.	Name.	Age.	Class.	District.	Scholarship.	Supporter.
1.	Kartala Mary	12	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Mrs. Glassow's Class, S. S., Johnstown, Pa
2.	Ellamalli Guanaratnam	12	IV.	Tanuku	Dorcas	Sunday-school, Zion's, Treverton, Pa
3.	Pottela Kantama	12	III.	Tadepallegudem		Ladies' Aid Society, Rev. Blunk, Milverton, Can
4.	Teli Kempuratnam	9	III.	Tadepallegudem	Ella Heller	Mrs. O. S. Heller, Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y
5.	Lankapelli Peda Shantama	11	III.	Tadepallegudem	Mary Kline	Woman's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa
6.	Lankapelli Chinna Shantama	10	III.	Tadepallegudem	Louisa Weber Hoefer	Rev. Benj. F. Hoefer, Toledo, O
7.	Vara Kantama	8	II.	Tanuku		Woman's Missionary Society, St. John's, Philadelphia
8.	Notangi Prasadiam	8	II.	Tallapudi		First Church, Pittsburg, Pa
9.	Palipoli Lizzie	15	IV.	Kurokonda	Marie Eaton	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg, Pa
10.	Udumundi Kempuratnam	8	I.	Tanuku	Cath. von Bora	Ladies of St. John's, Pittston, Pa
11.	Pidekala Annama	10	III.	Bhimawaram	Emma L. Mehrkam	Young Woman's Miss. Soc., St. John's, Columbia, Pa
12.	Gollepelli Rhoda	10	I.	Tanuku		Mission Band, St. Paul's, Millville, N. J
13.	Kondeti Ratnam	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa
14.	Dava Ratnam	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Circle, St. John's, Pittston, Pa
15.	Gopala Annama	16	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Swedeberg, Neb
16.	Vermeluri Annama	15	VI.	Tallapudi		St. John's, Erie, Pa
17.	Battu Ruth	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Dinkey's Class, S. S., Reformation, Rochester, N. Y
18.	Betala Lydia	9	III.	Bhimawaram		Children's Mission Band, Swedish Church, Elgin, Ill
19.	Betala Amelia	10	III.	Bhimawaram		S. Hagglund and Mrs. Augusta Williams, Rock Island, Ill
20.	Kandavelli Annama	13	VI.	Samulkot		Children's Mission Band, Emmanuel, Swedish, Chicago
21.	Kavadapu Sundari	12	V.	Dowlaishwaram		Bible Class, Atonement, Buffalo, N. Y
22.	Injamata Satyurati	11	III.	Samulkot		S. Hagglund and Mrs. Augusta Williams, Rock Island, Ill
23.	Dasary Dinama	9	II.	Tadepallegudem	Earnest Workers	Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y
24.	Dylapalli Hulda	13	VI.	Tallapudi		Young People's Society, St. Peter's, Preston, Ont
25.	Namaphaktulu Martha	10	III.	Kurokonda	Bateman	Mrs. George Bateman, Norristown, Pa
26.	Nalli Ratnam	13	VI.	Dowlaishwaram		Mission Band, Washington, Pa
27.	Silla Mary	15	V.	Bhimawaram	Stella Mary	Sunday-school, Grace, Newark, N. J
28.	Edla Jemima	15	V.	Dowlaishwaram		S. Hagglund and Mrs. Augusta Williams, Rock Island, Ill
29.	Teli Satyavati	13	VI.	Bhimawaram		Class 54, Kate Worley, Trinity, Reading, Pa
30.	Kodamanchelli Rachel	13	IV. A	Tallapudi		S. Hagglund and Mrs. Augusta Williams, Rock Island, Ill
31.	Badi Mary	15	V.	Samulkot		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
32.	Alamuru Kantama	14	V.	Bhimawaram		Mrs. I. O. Baker and daughter, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa
33.	Veeraralli Kantama	13	V.	Dowlaishwaram		S. S., Leechburg, Pa
34.	Mogalapu Ratnam	13	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram	Sister Amelia	Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis
35.	Polarmuri Elenora	12	IV. A	Bhimawaram	Ann Maurer	Miss C. Graeff, Germantown, Phila., Pa
36.	Manduru Elizabeth	11	II.	Tadepallegudem		Junior L. L., Penn's Station, Pa
37.	Mylabattula Esther	13	IV. A	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
38.	Pilli Karuna	14	V.	Bhimawaram		Sunday-school, Trinity, Chicago, Ill
39.	Produku Annama	10	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Johnstown, Pa
40.	Pottela Rhoda	12	IV.	Bhimawaram		First Church, Pittsburg, Pa
41.	Tolla Annama	8	II.	Bhimawaram		St. John's, Erie, Pa

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42.	Kandavelli Karuna	15	V.	Bhimawaram		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa
43.	Raya Rebecca	11	V. A	Samulkot	Senops Kornet	Mustard Seed Society, Messiah, Burlington, Iowa
44.	Kadiam Kantama	12	IV. A	Tallapudi		Junior League, Grace, Reading, Pa
45.	Deva Shantama	9	II.	Dowlaishwaram	Emma Rasch	Sisters Ida and Lena Rasch, Milwaukee Hospital,, Wis
46.	Boosa Martha	Infant				Susan Hannah's Class, S. S., Trinity, Reading, Pa
47.	Giddi Alice	11	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Young Woman's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
48.	Raya Alice	13	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Adelia Monson, Spokane, Wash
49.	Muni Davarapu Krupavati	8	II.	Tallapudi		Mission Band, Daytona, Iowa
50.	Kadiam Mary	8	II.	Tallapudi		
51.	Tuluri Kantama	12	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		
52.	Nalli Dinama	11	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram	Marie Teleen	S. F. Teleen, New York City
53.	Bendela Manikiam	12	IV. A	Bhimawaram		
54.	Godi Alice	Infant				
55.	Sarelli Satyavati	13	IV. A	Dowlaishwaram		Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis
56.	Golepelli Rhoda	8	II.	Tadepallegudem	Peter Deissroth	Girls' Mission Band, Christ, Hazelton, Pa
57.	Pidakala Grace	10	IV. B	Bhimawaram	Messiah	Messiah Church, Chicago, Ill
58.	Pidakala Sundari	12	IV. A	Bhimawaram		
59.	Kavvadapu Katie	10	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Bible Class, St. Michael's, German, Phila
60.	Natangi Ratnam	15	IV. B	Tallapudi		Bible Class, St. Michael's, German, Phila
61.	Gidla Kantama	7	Infant	Samulkot		Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace, Youngstown, O
62.	Gidla Manikiam	11	IV. B			
63.	Somana Annama	10	II.	Bhimawaram		
64.	Edi Victoria	10	II.	Bhimawaram		Young Ladies' Missionary Society, Grace, Youngstown, O
65.	Moora Kantama	13	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, St. Paul's, Morrisburg, Ont
66.	Edla Paranyatama	11	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa
67.	Navaphaktulu Sakyavati	10	IV. B	Kurokonda		Caroline Guther, St. Luke's, Philadelphia
68.	Dandingi Martha	14	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Junior Missionary Society, St. James, Reading, Pa
69.	Mogalapu Dipikama	14	IV. B	Dowlaishwaram		Conestoga, Ont., Rev. O. Linke
70.	Balle Mary	10	I.	Bhimawaram		Girls' Mission Band, Christ's, Hazelton, Pa
71.	Alamura Shantama	11	III.	Bhimawaram		Woman's Missionary Society, Redeemer, Binghamton, N. Y
72.	Matti Guamaratnam	9	II.	Bhimawaram		Mrs. B. M. and Gustav Johnson, Osage City, Kan
73.	Mallapuvulu Jemima	8	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Benton Congregation, Sioux Falls, S. Dak
74.	Matti Krupavati	9	II.	Bhimawaram		Jeanette Keller's Class, S. S., St. Peter's, Philadelphia
75.	Melimi Shantama	8	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
76.	Addanki Susanna	10	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Earnest Workers, Redeemer, Albany, N. Y
77.	Lelipe Karuna	11	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Several Ladies, Elizabethville, Pa
78.	Addanki Karuna	11	III.	Bhimawaram		Holy Trinity, Chester, Pa
79.	Battini Annama	10	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Miss. Society, St. John's, Philadelphia
80.	Raya Donama	9	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Illinois Conference, Augustana Synod
81.	Gopala Ratnam	9	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Luther Memorial, Erie, Pa
82.	Karre Ratnam	10	IV.	Samulkot		

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83.	Kullabatyalu Satyavati	9	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Cornelius' Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
84.	Palli Eleonora	11	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Miss Cornelius' Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.
85.	Nalli Sundari	7	I.	Dowlaishwaram		
86.	Bandi Manikiam	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Hoffmann, St. John's, Philadelphia
87.	Kasi Satyavati	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Mrs. Hoffmann, St. John's, Philadelphia
88.	Pidakula Rhoda	11	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Dorcas Society, St. Peter's, English, Philadelphia
89.	Kataluri Mary	11	IV. B	Bhimawaram	Aunt Mary Eisenhardt	Mission Band, St. Michael's, Allentown, Pa.
90.	Neetala Shantama	Infant		Bhimawaram		
91.	Gunnadi Ratnam	9	III.	Dowlaishwaram		Woman's Missionary Society, St. Luke's, Allentown, Pa.
92.	Calingi Mary	9	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Sunday-school, Ascension, Mt. Airy, Phila.
93.	Gosala Karuna	10	II.	Kurokonda		Girls' Mission Band, Transfiguration, Pottstown, Pa.
94.	Nutampati Suryakantama	7	I.	Samulkot		Woman's Missionary Society, Christ's, Elizabethtown, Pa.
95.	Didyapu Satyavati	9	II.	Samulkot	W. F. Ulery	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
96.	Kolabattulu Manikiam	9	III.	Dowlaishwaram	J. W. Oberly	Sunday-school, Greenville, Pa.
97.	Vidyana Alice	7	I.	Samulkot	T. H. Lane	Sunday-school, First Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
98.	Nora Ch. Kantama	9	II.	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Emmanuel, Allegheny, Pa.
99.	Notangi Ketura	9	II.	Tallapudi		Sunday-school, Trinity, Mt. Joy, Pa.
100.	Sarelli Mary	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Luther League, Zion's, Greensburg, Pa.
101.	Edice Alice Mary	7	I.	Bhimawaram	Passavant	Deaconess Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis.
102.	Cheybattulu Alice	11	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
103.	Arthalu Karuna	8	II.	Bhimawaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
104.	Polumati Sundari	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
105.	Gedamu Ratnam	9	I.	Dowlaishwaram		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
106.	Chedaladi Satyavati	11	II.	Tallapudi		Augustana Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
107.	Bonu Shantama	Infant				Sunday-school, Holy Communion, Philadelphia
108.	Vemuluru Kantama	11	I.	Tallapudi		Miss Whiteker, Trinity, New York City
109.	Matte Mary	11	II.	Tallapudi		Mission Circle, L. L., St. John's, Erie, Pa.
110.	Pantagani Esther	11	IV. B	Bhimawaram		Missionary Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
111.	Siddela Chilakama	7	Infant	Tallapudi		Missionary Circle, Grace, Rochester, N. Y.
112.	Patula Christiana	7	Infant	Kurokonda		Pennsylvania Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
113.	Matti Mary	11	II.	Bhimawaram		Pennsylvania Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society
114.	Manukonda Ruth	9	III.	Bhimawaram		
115.	Kolabattula Ratnam	7	Infant	Dowlaishwaram		Children of Temple, St. Peter's, North Wales, Pa.
116.	Vantabattini Mary	11	II.	Bhimawaram		Woman's Miss. Society, Emmanuel, Pottstown, Pa.
117.	Dandingi Mary	12	III.	Bhimawaram		
118.	Gudapati Naomi	10	II.	Bhimawaram		
119.	Tola Sarah	12	IV. B	Bhimawaram		
120.	Gotta Shantama	12	III.	Bhimawaram		
121.	Kolle Krupadati	12	III.	Bhimawaram		
122.	Ella Gnanaratnam		I.	Bhimawaram		

NOTE.—Total number of beneficiaries, 122; total number of supporters, 105.

LIST OF NATIVE HELPERS SUPPORTED.

No.	Work.	Year.	Amount.	Supporter.
1.	Teacher	1904-05	$ 30 00	Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, Leechburg, Pa
2.	Colporteur	1903	17 87	Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, Reading Conference
3.	Catechist	1903-04	30 00	Young Ladies' Society, Scottdale, Pa
4.	Pastor	1903	50 00	Unnamed, St. John's, Reading, Pa
5.	Catechist	1903	30 00	Holy Trinity, LaCrosse, Wis [morial."
6.	Teacher	1903-05	35 00	Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Critchlow, New Brighton, Pa.: "Maria Critchlow Me-
7.	Catechist	1903-05	30 00	Hannah Fichthorn, Trinity, Reading, Pa
8.	Teacher	1903-04	30 00	Luther League, Beaver Falls, Pa
9.	Teacher	1904-05	30 00	Ladies' Missionary Society, Morrisburg, Ont
10.	Teacher	1904-05	50 00	Sunday-school, Galesburg, Ill
11.	Colporteur	1904-05	30 00	Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, Allentown Conference
12.	Catechist	1904-05	30 00	Luther League, Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn.: "Pilli James"
13.	Teacher	1903-05	50 00	Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, Augustana Synod
14.	Catechist	1903-04	30 00	Wm. Benbow, Trinity, Reading, Pa
15.	Teacher	1903-04	50 00	Bethany Church, Lindsberg, Kan · "David"
16.	Catechist	1904	27 00	Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa
17.	Catechist	1905	60 00	Immanuel Church, Rev. G. H. Stark, Evanston, Ill
18.	Teacher	1904-05	200 00	Dorcas Society, Swedish Church, Cannon Falls, Minn
19.	Teacher	1905	20 00	Sunday-school, Swedish Church, Calumet, Mich
20.	Teacher	1904	25 96	Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
21.	Teacher	1904	25 96	Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
22.	Teacher	1904	25 96	Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
23.	Teacher	1904	25 96	Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
24.	Teacher	1904	25 96	Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa
25.	Catechist	1903	21 75	Woman's H. and F. Missionary Society, Lancaster Conference
26.	Teacher	1904-05	30 00	Young Men's Bible Class, Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y
27.	Catechist	1904	30 00	Sunday-school, Emmanuel, German, Philadelphia
28.	Bible Woman	1905	25 00	Mrs. B. and Miss Kate Sadtler, Baltimore, Md

Statistical Exhibit for the Year 1904.

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Membership at the close of 1903.				Additions during 1904.						Losses during 1904.						Net Increase or Decrease during 1904.
						By Baptism.			From other Missions.	By Restoration.	Total Additions.							
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.				By Death.	By Backsliding.	Excommunication.	To other Villages.	To other Missions.	Total Losses.	
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry	71	83	65	219	4	16	20	8	.....	28	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	+ 24
2	Bhimavaram	1615	1665	2258	5538	952	477	1429	2	.....	1431	16	7	.....	.....	.....	23	+1408
3	Korukonda	44	33	44	121	7	6	13	.....	.....	13	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	+ 12
4	Dowlaishwaram	.....	.....	.....	1439	288	52	340	.....	187	527	20	.....	4	1	2	27	+ 500
5	Samulkot	206	197	176	579	21	5	26	.....	.....	26	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	+ 24
6	Tallapudi	.....	.....	.....	1317	23	24	47	.....	.....	47	8	3	.....	32	43	86	— 39
7	Taddepalligudem	232	182	318	734	59	122	181	.....	.....	181	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	+ 166
8	High School (Rajahmundry)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Boys' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Girls' Central School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Zenana Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Medical Work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	High School (Peddapur)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Hindu Girls' Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	2168	2160	2861	9947	1354	702	2056	10	187	2253	66	10	4	33	45	158	2095

Statistical Exhibit for the Year 1904 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Membership at the close of 1904.				Communicants.		Inquirers.	Sunday-schools			Support of Mission Work.														
												Benevolence.			Other Cash Receipts.			Kind.			Total.			Increase or Decrease during 1904		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	No. of Communed.	Increase or Decrease during 1904.		No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry	73	83	81	239	108	+ 6	13	1	20	250	*847	5	5	.....	..	..	...	..	..	847	5	5	+ 699	6	5
2	Bhimavaram	2207	2010	2729	6946	3483	+520	825	37	67	1320	606	14	6	1580	12	..	284	..	..	2471	10	6	+1051	10	..
3	Korukonda	47	37	49	133	59	+ 6	25	....	....	....	5	1	3	33	5	3	15	..	..	53	6	6	— 34	3	8
4	Dowlaishwaram	684	545	610	1839	727	+260	650	....	....	....	357	8	7	417	..	..	80	..	..	854	8	7	+ 256	..	..
5	Samulkot	217	206	180	603	423	+ 24	115	14	15	390	78	....	...	210	2	..	40	..	..	328	2	..	.....	..	..
6	Tallapudi	....	....	....	1278	496	.....	300	27	28	280	39	5	9	148	5	..	40	..	..	227	10	9	+ 26	4	6
7	Taddepalligudem	....	....	...	900	540	+ 29	300	13	16	320	109	6	5	366	7	..	25	..	..	500	13	5	+ 465	13	5
8	High School (Rajahmundry)	....	....	...	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	2382	..	..	...	..	..	2382	..	..	.....	..	..
9	Boys' Central School	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....	..	..	...	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
10	Girls' Central School	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	767	13	..	...	..	..	767	13	..	.....	..	..
11	Zenana Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	.....	..	..	...	..	..	.....	..	..	.....	..	..
12	Medical Work	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	2	6	85	50	....	...	1288	6	4	...	..	..	1338	6	4	.....	..	..
13	High School (Peddapur)	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	8385	9	6	...	..	..	8385	9	6	.....	..	..
14	Hindu Girls' Schools	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	6	14	236	....	....	...	200	..	..	...	..	..	200	..	..	.....	..	..
	Total	3228	2881	3649	11938	5836	845	2228	100	166	2881	2093	9	11	15779	12	1	484	..	..	18357	6	..	2464	14	8

*Including Rs. 105-4-0 Contributed to M. Aux. Bible Society.

Statistical Exhibit for the Year 1904 (Continued).

Serial No.	Town or Taluq or Field.	Schools.									Buildings.						Workers.												Villages in which are Christians or Inquirers		Congregations.	
			Pupils.														Native.									Foreign.							
			Christians.			Others.																												
		No. of Schools.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Grand Total.	Increase or Decrease during 1904.	Bungalows.	Churches.	Prayer or School Houses.	Teachers' Houses.	Hospital.	Marriages.	Pastors.	Catechists.	Evangelists.	B. & T. Colporteurs	Bible Women.	School Teachers.	Total Native Workers.	Increase or Decrease during 1904	Ord'd Missionaries	Lady Missionaries.	Wives Missionaries.	No. of Villages.	Increase or Decrease during 1904	No. of Congregations.	Increase or Decrease during 1904
1	St. Paul's, Rajahmundry ...	...	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	.....	1	1	....	7	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	...	2	....	2	..	..	...	....	1	....
2	Bhimavaram	91	895	580	1475	358	171	529	2004	+144	..	2	80	6	..	29	1	7	12	1	..	93	112	+16	1	..	1	111	+ 2	105	+ 7
3	Korukonda	7	17	9	26	124	32	156	182	+ 71	..	..	7	3	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	8	12	+ 2	..	..	..	13	+ 3	11	+ 4
4	Dowlaishwaram	35	....	...	191	...	...	645	746	+ 62	1	3	35	3	..	31	..	1	3	1	1	35	41	+ 6	1	..	1	61	+ 5	54	+ 5
5	Samulkot	14	30	40	70	280	40	320	390	+ 96	1	1	11	4	..	3	1	1	7	1	2	15	25	....	1	..	1	56	....	14	....
6	Tallapudi	27	....	...	250	...	...	100	350	+ 40	1	1	8	..	..	19	1	1	2	..	..	27	31	+ 3	..	..	..	86	....	46	+ 1
7	Taddepalligudem	16	....	...	140	...	...	250	390	+ 40	1	1	10	..	..	8	..	..	7	1	..	17	25	+ 5	1	..	..	60	+36	21	+ 2
8	High School (Rajahmundry)	...	....	...	....	...	...	....	158	.....	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	...	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
9	Boys' Central School	...	109	...	109	...	...	....	109	.....	1	..	....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	...	....	1	..	..	...	....	....	....
10	Girls' Central School	...	....	135	135	...	...	....	135	.....	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	...	....	..	1	..	...	....	....	....
11	Zenana Work	...	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	.....	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	...	...	....	..	2	..	...	....	....	....
12	Medical Work	...	....	...	....	...	...	....	....	.....	1	..	....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	...	...	....	..	2	..	...	....	....	....
13	High School (Peddapur) ...	1	....	...	....	...	...	....	475	.....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	...	....	..	..	..	...	....	....	....
14	Hindu Girls' Schools	6	....	...	....	...	...	....	288	.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	...	....	..	1	..	...	....	....	....
	Total	197	1051	764	2396	762	243	2000	5227	+453	10	9	154	26	1	96	3	13	33	5	7	252	248	+32	7	6	3	387	46	252	+19

The Foreign Mission report was received and action deferred. (See the Second Session.)

The tellers reported the re-election of Rev. Dr. T. E. Schmauk as President. He thereupon appointed the following committees:

1. On the President's Report—The Revs. S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., and F. K. Bernd, Hon. C. R. Lantz, Mr. W. W. Wattles, Mr. C. B. Opp, Hon. Isaac Motter and Mr. L. Kaufmann.
2. On the Protests—The Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, G. W. Sandt. D.D., O. E. Pflueger, G. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq., J. Boyd Duff, Esq., and Mr. F. P. D. Miller.

Adjourned with the use of the Lord's Prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, October 13, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. V. B. Christy, President of the District Synod of Ohio.

The Minutes of the First Session were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the regular order be suspended to permit the consideration of the Foreign Mission Report.

ACTION ON THE FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The six concluding Recommendations of the Board (see page 55) were unanimously adopted; and the following additional action was taken:

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the amount for the outfit of a married missionary be placed at $200.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the reports from the field and other matter given as an appendix to the Board's report be entered upon the Minutes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to make any explanation by foot note or otherwise in their report as it will appear in our Minutes, which may remove any false impressions that may have been created concerning the distribution of the sources of contributions from the various Synods.

On motion of the Rev. A. F. Siebert, it was

Resolved, That the synodical delegates to this General Council be and the same are hereby urged to bring the second recommendation to the attention of their several Synods, and to use their every effort to have them take such steps as will tend very largely to increase the circulation of these publications.

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Lindeblad, it was

Resolved, That the editors of the "Missionsbote," the "Foreign Missionary," the "Augustana" and other papers of the General Council be requested to issue special editions anent the Ziegenbalg and Pluetschau anniversary, and that an Order of Service for the observance of the anniversary be included in these editions.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Repass, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized at their discretion to issue the Report in large quantities to supply the requests of pastors.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kretschmann, it was

Resolved, That the General Council heartily commends the action of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., the First Swedish Church, St. Paul, and the Buffalo churches—English, German and Swedish—in guaranteeing the support of particular missionaries.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That the General Council expresses its especial gratification with that part of the report which informs us of the steps taken by the representatives of different Lutheran Missionary Societies to bring the Lutherans into closer contact, with the prospect of building up a future Lutheran Church in India, and that it encourages its missionaries to further this cause to the best of their ability.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That further consideration of the Foreign Mission Report be deferred until the report of the Committee on Protests has been acted on. (See Fifth Session.)

The final report of the tellers was made at this point. (See First Session.)

The President called Rev. Dr. Norelius to the chair during the discussion of the following theses.

THESES ON "THE FAITH THAT SAVES."

I.—It is Faith that Saves.

Not opinions or philosophy; not large gifts to the Church, or acts of sacrifice; not character, good conduct, or kindly deeds; not love and devotion; not progress, evolution, or natural law; not education and training. There is no salvation without faith.

II.—It is Faith in Christ that Saves.

Not a belief in the supernatural (occultism); not a reliance on Divine Providence; not a trust in the Fatherhood of God; not an optimistic habit and temperament; not a belief in "the Good," and that "the Good" will prevail.

III.—The Faith that Saves is not a mere historical knowledge of the saving truth revealed in Scripture, and an assent to it, or to the teachings of the Church; nor is it a mere religious feeling without any specific object; but it is the confident and enduring reliance of the heart on the grace of God in Christ.

IV.—The grace of God consists chiefly in that God forgives us our sins; and in this respect, the Faith that Saves is faith in the forgiveness of sins.

V.—The forgiveness of sins rests on the merit of Christ; and in this respect, the Faith that Saves is faith in Christ and His merit.

VI.—The merit of Christ is offered and appropriated to us through the promises of the Gospel; and in this respect, the Faith that Saves is faith in the Gospel.

VII.—The Faith that Saves is the source and the power of a new life; yet it is not this regenerating and sanctifying power of faith which saves, but Christ alone, whom, by faith, we apprehend.

The discussion was engaged in by the Rev. H. A. Weller and the Rev. Drs. Jacobs, W. J. Miller and C. A. Miller, until the hour of 11 o'clock, when the President resumed the chair, and the regular order was taken up.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, Superintendent, read the report of the Board of English Home Missions.

REPORT OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

At its first meeting, after the close of the General Council's last convention, the Board was organized by the election of Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., L.H.D., President; E. Augustus Miller, Esq., Treasurer, and Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Secretary. After the lamented death of our venerable President, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., was unanimously chosen as his successor in office, and Rev. A. S. Fichthorn was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board. A minute of Dr. Seiss' long, faithful and invalu-

able service was placed upon our record and sent to the sorrowing family.

We herewith submit our report for the work of the past biennium. The statistical tables will show that this has been the most successful in our history. The number of Missions is more than double that of the 1901 biennium, and with little increase in the total cost. The largest number of Missions has become self-sustaining, and the most promising and hopeful new Missions have been organized. Our territory has been enlarged, and fruitful fields are being cultivated in such cities of Canada as Montreal and Winnipeg; among the New England States in New Britain and Hartford, Conn.; Austin and Aurora, in Illinois; Detroit, in Michigan; Beloit, Milwaukee, and Superior, in Wisconsin; and Sioux Falls, in South Dakota. As there were over two thousand Lutherans Letts in Boston, Mass., and no one to care for them, and as another denomination was sending a missionary to minister to them in their own language, your Board has organized a Lettonian Mission in that city.

District or Field Missionary System.

The new departure in our Missionary operations has also commended itself to the Board and to the Church during this biennium. Rev. A. C. Anda has effectively prosecuted his work in the States of Ilinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. The results have been so encouraging as to lead the Board to call two additional laborers into this office, in the persons of Revs. M. J. Bieber and F. E. Jensen. The former has been prosecuting successful work in Montreal, Canada, and in New Britain and Hartford, Conn. And the latter has opened important Missions in Superior, Wis.; Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Removal to Headquarters of the Board.

Because of the growth and reorganization of the work and the consequent enlargement of the field, there has been a growing conviction in the Board that the superintendent should be located so that he might be in closer touch with its officers and members. Especially is this true because the Superintendent of Home Missions is at the same time the Agent of the Church Extension Society. The capital and importance of this society have also considerably increased in the last few years. As the headquarters of

both are in Philadelphia, the superintendent has taken up residence in that city. The Board would be gratified if the General Council could arrange to secure for it an office in the Publication Building and make it ultimately the center of all its operations.

Special Efforts.

In December of 1904 the Board's treasury was exhausted, and no means were at hand to pay the salaries of the missionaries for the months of November and December. We could not bear the thought that these faithful servants and their families should spend the Christmas season with an empty larder and be deprived of the cheer characteristic of that joyous season. We accordingly sent appeals to our brethren, and they and their congregations generously responded. A little over $2,000 flowed into the treasury, and the joy of the missionaries was great.

In June we issued a special appeal for 108 contributions of $22 each, which were to pay for an eligible lot in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Rev. F. E. Jensen had begun operations, but had not yet effected an organization. We have since purchased the lot, and up to date have received the sum of $1,110.35, and pledges for twelve additional feet. This lot is to be held in the name of the Home Mission Board, and transferred to the congregation on the payment of the money expended by the Board, at any time within five years, and without interest.

We greatly prefer not to be constrained to make any special appeals. And if all our Synods would arrange to pay over the amounts apportioned them by the General Council, and all our brethren would annually take up the Lenten offering for Church Extension, these appeals would be unnecessary. But as the work must be done, and as the Church has appointed us to do it, and laid its obligation upon us, we ought not to be censured for making every possible effort to discharge the same.

Conference of District Missionaries and Superintendent.

In the latter part of July, 1905, the district missionaries, Revs. Anda, Bieber and Jensen, held a two days' conference with the superintendent at Greensburg, Pa. Each reported concerning the work on hand, the numerous fields which ought to be occupied, and the great possibilities for English Mission achievement. Committees were appointed to take into consideration the

several phases of the work and how to meet them, for example, plans for canvassing and the equipment needed; literature needed for distribution where English Missions are to be begun and during their continuance; a financial system giving a scriptural and systematic method for the raising of funds in the various departments of Church, Sunday-school, and Associations in our Missions. The need of a vastly increased Church Extension Fund for operations in our larger towns and cities, and the impossibility of ever securing it without a unification of effort and method, were deeply felt. It was also the conviction that vastly greater possibilities than those yet realized are within our reach.

Matters Referred to the Board by the General Council.

1. On page 181, Minutes of 1903, the request of the Synod of Nova Scotia, with reference to the city of Halifax, was referred to our Board. When we recall that the old church in which our Lutheran people once worshipped, and the cemetery in which their bones lie buried, have passed over into the hands of the Episcopalians, we mourn over our loss and are aroused to retrieve it. We have asked the brethren to canvass the field and report. We understand that they are holding services, but with what success we have not been informed. It is the intention of the Board as soon as possible to send one of our field missionaries or the superintendent to canvass that and other cities of the Maritine Provinces.

2. "Home Missionary."—The matter of consolidating the "Home Missionary" and "Foreign Missionary" was referred (on page 129, Minutes of 1903,) to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, with power to act. As the Foreign Mission Board deems it best for each Board to manage and control its own publications and contemplates improvements in its paper, it may be best for both Boards to continue as heretofore. The "Home Missionary" is now issued under the auspices of the Publication Board. Its appearance has greatly improved and the subscription largely increased. We now have a paper which we can commend to our Church. As it is a sixteen-page quarterly and costs only five cents per copy in clubs of twenty or more, it ought to be in every congregation.

3. On page 128, Minutes of 1903, the Board of English Home Missions was instructed to arrange for a meeting of representa-

tives of the various Home Mission Boards of the District Synods, along with three members of its own, prepare a plan for the unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council, and submit the same to the Synods. This committee met at the adjournment of the Free Conference in the city of Pittsburgh, April 8, 1904, unanimously adopted a plan and submitted the same for action. The conclusions of the various Synods will come before this body under the report of the District Synods.

We would here state, that, since as far back as the year 1885, the General Council has been wrestling with the question of the better organization of its Mission work. On page 52 of that year's Minutes, Rev. Dr. Mechling offered the following: "*Resolved,* That the Vice-Presidents be requested to lay before their respective Synods, the question of committing to the General Council the whole work of Home Missions." On page 72 of the General Council Minutes, 1886, a committee, of which Drs. Kunkleman, Fry, Schantz and Evald were members, recommended the following: "That the Synods be requested to transfer the entire Home Mission work, within as well as without their bounds, to the committee of the General Council." In General Council Minutes, 1886, page 64, the District Synod of Ohio reports that it agrees to such an arrangement. And in the Minutes of the General Council, 1887, page 59, the Ministerium of Pennsylvania reports that it has "*Resolved,* That this Ministerium approves of the plan of centralizing the entire Home Mission work within the General Council after the manner indicated, and that so soon as the General Council shall have completed arrangements for such concentration, this Ministerium gives its consent to transfer its Home Missions to the care of the General Council." On page 62 the approval of the Pittsburgh Synod, and on page 66 that of the Chicago Synod is recorded.

At the meeting of the General Council at Ft. Wayne in 1893, at the recommendation of the Board, Rev. Drs. S. A. Repass, G. C. F. Haas, Edmund Belfour, M. C. Ranseen, W. K. Frick and Revs. A. F. Siebert, W. A. Sadtler and A. R. Schulz were appointed a committee to report on the "Subject of the consolidation of Mission work in the hands of one or more General Mis-

sion Boards." At the Easton convention, 1895, on page 48ff, this committee recommended the consolidation of all our English Home Mission work under one General Council Board. This report was adopted by the General Council and referred to the Synods for examination and action. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania (see its English Minutes of 1896, page 59,) approved of the plan to concentrate, and asked the Council to continue its efforts until consummated. The Pittsburgh Synod, General Council Minutes, 1897, page 117; the Chicago Synod, page 122; the Synod of the Northwest, page 124, likewise approved the plan. The action of the District Synod of Ohio is given in its Minutes, 1896, pages 34 to 36, approving the recommendation of the Council's committee. Thus all the Synods especially interested in English Home Mission work acted favorably, in the '80s, in the '90s, and also in the present year, in the matter of unification.

From the beginning of the agitation of this question up to the present, there has been a continuous growth of sentiment in its favor, and the imperative necessity of such reorganization of our work for its effective prosecution is apparent to all who have specially studied the problem. The fact is, we have outgrown our present methods of operation, and the attempt to continue them would be as unreasonable as to force the full-grown man into the kilt skirts of his childhood.

In the study of the General Council's Home Mission work in connection with that of its District Synods, its helpful, stimulating influence upon the latter is apparent. The general work not only of the English but also of the German and Swedish departments, were at first committed to its care, and their vast importance were through it brought to the attention of the General Council and the work divided into three departments, Swedish, German and English. But upon the English work of our District Synods the Board's helpful influence may be clearly traced, before and after the office of the Superintendent of Missions had been established. The light thrown upon the Mission problem by the members of the Board at the conventions of the District Synods, the missionary intelligence contained in its reports,

tracts and circulars, and the stirring tidings brought through newspaper articles and addresses before congregations, conferences, Synods and Council by its first superintendent and his successors, had much to do with arousing greater interest and activity in all our Synods. And this was natural. A Board charged with the neglected territory of the General Council's field throughout North America, and a man selected to devote his entire time to the study and prosecution of the English Home Mission work in this country, ought to be able to know what was needed and how to supply it, and to teach the Church valuable lessons on English Home Missions. The special function of the Board to care for the outlying and neglected districts, where there are no English-speaking Synods, is now fulfilled. Since the organization of the Synod of the Northwest and the Pacific Synod, the English-speaking Synods of the Council extend from coast to coast, and have jurisdiction over its entire territory. If the Board is to continue and measure up to its present possibilities, new functions must be given and a new sphere of operations must be assigned.

As the General Council will be asked to prepare a plan for final action, it is our conviction that such a plan ought not to be hampered by numerous details, but be drawn in general outline, and the details left to actual experience. We would also suggest that this plan be put into effect as soon after the coming Synodical Conventions as possible; that any modifications of the same recommended by any of the Synods approving it, and that all arrangements for the transfer of the Missions to the General Council Board be left to a convention of two representatives of the Home Mission Board of each Synod approving the same and three representatives of the Council's Home Mission Board; that such convention be called and the time and place thereof be left to the General Council's Board, and that its action be reported to the next convention of the General Council.

The following is a statistical summary of the Missions supported by the Board during the past biennium, of their present status, and of the work accomplished during the year 1904 to 1905:

STATISTICS—ENGLISH HOME MISSION REPORT, 1904-1905.

Place.	Church.	Pastor.	Membership.					Contributions.		Church Property.	
			Baptized.	Communicants.	Additions.	Losses.	Sunday-schools.	Current Expenses.	Benevolence.	Value of Church Property.	Debts.
Montreal, Can.	Redeemer	Chas. G. Beck	250	128	144	16	73	$1,161 24	$ 52 31	$17,500 00	$17,500 00
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark's	E. Lunn Miller	200	150	23	6	120	1,075 52	250 18	25,277 00	10,282 45
Boston, Mass.	First Lettish Church	Rev. Steik	175	60	40	4	90	200 00	10 00		
New Britain, Conn.	English Lutheran	M. J. Bieber	43	20		1	32	280 00	1 60		
Hartford, Conn.		M. J. Bieber	40	15			25	200 00	3 00		
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	325	219	33	11	175	1,572 92	188 53	14,500 00	6,900 00
Anderson, Ind.	St. John's	Wm. J. Finck	165	89	5	13	78	656 25	89 70	8,500 00	1,910 00
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke's	M. E. Haberland	369	100	44	17	328	746 51	140 05	11,000 00	5,200 00
Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	L. J. Baker	166	65	31	3	127	494 00	13 15		
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	A. C. Anda	90	25	25		57	200 00			
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	A. C. Anda	50	35	36	2	24	139 46	5 00		
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul's	J. A. Miller	160	45	29	2	112	206 60	13 50	7,375 00	5,950 00
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	Wm. C. Miller	143	71	7	1	72	83 98	5 00		
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	A. C. Anda	64	34	34		22	135 00			
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	450	157	45	28	260	550 00	47 50	12,000 00	7,150 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	130	58	58	2	83	453 64	45 60	3,000 00	1,500 00
Superior, Wis.	Holy Trinity	Willis Beck	75	20	20		55	100 00			
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	A. C. Anda	80	38			60	550 00	41 00		
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark's	John Keehley	200	134	53	11	170	945 74	78 60	4,500 00	2,900 00
St. Paul, Minn.	St. Stephen's	Beistel and Warstler	63				63	61 83			
Duluth, Minn.	Trinity	J. L. Murphy	82	32			72				
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	Redeemer	F. E. Jensen	108	26	26		83	120 00	8 00		
Winnipeg, Manitoba	First English Lutheran	F. E. Jensen	80	22	22		64	150 00	10 00	2,376 00	2,376 00
Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. A. Hansen	41	26	8	8	43	403 09	51 50	6,000 00	8,500 00
Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	H. A. Hansen	60	38		3	25	7 00			
San Jose, Cal.	Immanuel's	Emil Meyer	135	52	6	24	109	843 27	43 37	3,200 00	750 00
Portland, Ore.	St. James'	J. A. Leas	335	206	70	2	96	1,470 44	83 75	25,711 88	17,528 69
Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	Walter I. Eck	74	39	3	53	37	382 61	34 85	4,500 00	2,300 00
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	231	93	30	10	78	413 64	24 23	3,450 00	2,500 00
Everett, Wash.	St. Paul's	Theo. Schoenberg	93	43	17	12	43	138 80	2 25		
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Theo. Schoenberg	98	46	29	9	44	183 25	8 25		
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	162	92	24	7	83	846 81	120 51	8,000 00	4,566 68
Transferred to Self-sustaining List during Biennium.											
La Crosse, Wis.	Trinity	A. C. Carty	400	127	43	20	215	1,818 22	88 00	11,000 00	5,500 00
Chicago, Ill.	St. John's	J. R. E. Hunt	254	126	40	24	128	1,750 00	380 60	9,000 00	2,000 00
Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	J. R. E. Hunt	110	40	19	9	82	265 00	19 80		
Racine, Wis.	Holy Communion	G. F. Gehr	683	323	43	2	457	2,164 81	278 31	9,000 00	4,000 00
Milwaukee, Wis.	Redeemer	W. K. Frick, D.D.	644	434	84	52	224	3,991 27	395 71	15,000 00	10,000 00
St. Paul, Minn.	St. James'	F. S. Beistel	325	136	22		245	1,892 83	167 45	5,000 00	2,000 00
St. Paul, Minn.	Trinity	C. L. Warstler	371	143	33	19	287	650 57	148 22	4,250 00	1,150 00
North St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark's	A. C. Petersen	196	127	33	2	109	804 73	66 39		
Duluth, Minn.	St. John's	D. W. Michael	389	176	49	36	226	1,313 95	113 65	9,000 00	5,000 00
Fargo, N. Dak.	St. Mark's	J. A. Zundel	325	150	38	14	195	1,336 11	194 37	4,700 00	
The Dalles, Ore.	Zion	Wm. Brenner	125	92	18	1	104	925 00	55 00	5,500 00	1,200 00
Oregon City, Ore.	Zion	George Yung, dec'd	71	40	3		41	425 00	41 00	1,800 00	400 00
		Totals	8,630	4,092	1,287	424	4,326	$29,099 09	$3,320 65	$231,139 88	$139,063 82

We also submit a comparative table of the growth of the Missions of the three last bienniums, 1901, 1903, and 1905:

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

Year.	Membership.			Contributions.		Missions Supported.	Missions Becoming Self-sustaining.	Church Property	
	Baptized.	Communicants.	Sunday-schools.	Benevolent.	Local.			Value.	Debt.
1901	4,381	2,336	2,840	$849 35	$10,274 15	19	3	$173,750 00	$95,750 00
1903	6,002	2,987	4,019	1,904 13	26,104 37	31	4	199,711 00	106,799 62
1905	8,630	4,092	4,326	3,320 65	29,099 09	44	12	231,139 88	139,063 82

We herewith submit another table as to the comparative cost of our missionary operations during the bienniums 1901, 1903, and 1905:

YEAR.	NO. OF MISSIONS.	TOTAL COST.	COST PER MISSION PER YEAR.
1901.....	19	$31,543.83	$830.10
1903.....	31	30,260.57	488.07
1905.....	44	32,861.42	373.40

This table demonstrates, what is so clearly evident in the realm of economics, that increase of product, expansion of the enterprise, enlargement of the work, reduces the comparative cost. The fixed charges of administration, such as printing, clerk hire, superintendence and what else belongs to the mangement, remain almost the same whether the product of the mill be ten or a thousand tons a day, whether you carry on 19 or 400 Missions. Besides, as you enlarge your work, you increase and enlarge the experience of the management, and enable it not only to increase efficiency but also to reduce expense. Hence the cost per Mission has been reduced as our work has enlarged, and at the same time a larger number of Missions became self-sustaining. From the 1901 to the 1905 biennium the cost has been reduced by more than one-half, and the number of Missions reaching the point of self-sustentation quadrupled.

The secret of Mission success lies in the selection and location

of fields, searching out men of proper qualifications and experience to begin and establish the Mission, giving neither too much nor too little help at any stage of its history, canvassing the community to secure representative men as officers, and constraining them to take deep, active and leading interest in the enterprise, and judiciously and helpfully supervising their work. Help must be given, but help will not help unless it causes the helped to help themselves. We must sustain Missions, but only in order to make them self-sustaining.

We herewith submit the report of the Treasurer, covering this biennium:

Treasurer's Report, September 1, 1903, to September 1, 1905.

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Balance on hand September 1, 1903		$ 4,534 05
Contributions as follows:		
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$19,606 68	
Pittsburgh Synod	6,088 42	
Synod of New York and New England	2,201 86	
District Synod of Ohio	1,189 55	
Synod of the Northwest	975 18	
Chicago Synod	335 33	
Nova Scotia Synod	130 20	
Pacific Synod	106 95	
Ministerium of New York	35 00	
Individuals	1,808 64	
Unclassified	99 39	
Church Extension Society for Supt's Salary	800 00	
Interest on deposits	70 54	
		33,447 74
Loans less discount		2,883 86
		$40,865 65

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Missionaries' salaries	$21,454 02	
Missionaries' moving expenses, etc.	851 83	
Superintendent's salary and expenses	4,216 65	
Field Missionaries, salaries and expenses	4,795 82	
Printing Reformation Services, etc.	536 81	
Incidentals	106 29	
Special appropriations to missions	900 00	
		$32,861 42

Repayment of loans	2,900 00
Transferred to endowment fund	5,000 00
Interest on loans, St. John's, Duluth	85 00
	$40,846 42
Balance	19 23
	$40,865 65

The Treasurer's Report was audited by the Auditing Committee, and found to be correct.

J. H. Wolfe,
F. M. Riter.

It will be seen from this report, that, whilst the General Council has apportioned to the District Synods $50,200, the Board has received from these Synods the sum of $30,669.17, as will appear more fully in the following:

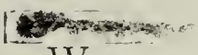
SYNODS.	AMOUNTS APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIT
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$25,000 00	$19,606 68	$5,393 32
Pittsburgh Synod	11,250 00	6,080 00	5,170 00
District Synod of Ohio	5,000 00	1,189 55	3,810 45
Ministerium of New York	3,000 00	35 00	2,965 00
Chicago Synod	3,000 00	335 33	2,664 67
New York and New England Synod	2,000 00	2,207 86	*207 86
Synod of the Northwest	1,000 00	975 18	24 82
Pacific Synod	250 00	106 95	143 05
Nova Scotia Synod	200 00	130 20	69 80

*Overpaid.

The amount paid in the biennium of 1903 by the Synods was $25,114.19 and the deficit $24,885.08, whilst in the biennium of 1905 the amount paid was $30,669.19 and the deficit $20,030.83 (a less deficit and a higher apportionment), showing some improvement. Whilst there is room for more, we rejoice in what has taken place.

In addition to asking your honorable body to make some arrangements by means of which the office of our Board may be located in the Publication Building, and the suggestions with reference to the Plan for the Unification of our English Home Mission work, we recommend that the following apportionments be made to the District Synods for each year of the coming biennium in support of our English Home Missions:

Ministerium of Pennsylvania	$12,500 00
Pittsburgh Synod	5,600 00
District Synod of Ohio	2,500 00
New York and New England Synod	1,500 00
Chicago Synod	1,200 00
Ministerium of New York	1,000 00
Synod of the Northwest	1,000 00
Pacific Synod	200 00
Nova Scotia Synod	100 00



We would return our thanks to the brethren and the Synods of the General Council for their increased devotion and aid extended to our Board during this biennium. And with this we hereby submit it for consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KUNZMANN, *Superintendent.*

The Report was received, and pending its consideration the Council adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzmann, of Philadelphia.

THIRD SESSION

FRIDAY, *October* 13, 2 *P. M.*

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Oswald, President of the Ministerium of New York.

The Minutes of the Second Session were read and approved.

ACTION ON THE ENGLISH HOME MISSION REPORT.

At adjournment yesterday the following was pending:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to set apart a room in the Publication Building, 1522 Arch Street, Philadelphia, for the use of the Board of English Home Missions.

A later motion added "and the Board of Foreign Missions."

On motion of Mr. F. P. D. Miller, it was

Resolved, That this whole matter be referred to the three Boards concerned, with power to act.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. A. Bierdemann, it was

Resolved, That the several Synods be requested to pay during the coming biennium the sums designated in the English Home Mission Report.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the protests against the action of the English Home Mission Board be referred to the Committee on Protests.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the part of the report pertaining to unification be postponed until the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synods, and that of the Unification Committee have been heard.

At the Ninth Session the Report was finally adopted as a whole.

The hour of 4 P. M. was designated for the hearing of the Official Visitor from the General Synod.

Rev. Dr. Laird, President, read the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

PHILADELPHIA, October 10, 1905.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society begs leave to present to your honorable body this report:

The Society, since its last report to your honorable body, has continued to extend its operations and increase its usefulness.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., Superintendent of the work of the Board of English Home Missions, is also the Agent of the Society, and has continued his efforts to secure contributions and create an abiding interest in the objects of the Society.

The Board of Managers regrets that the efforts to raise a special sum of ninety thousand dollars, for the further prosecution of the work of the Society, under the conditions fully stated on pages 129 and 130 of the Report of the 29th Convention of the General Council, held at Norristown, Pa., October 8th to 13th, 1903, had not been as successful as they had reason to anticipate. given struggling Missions in various parts of the country all

The Society has exerted itself to increase its funds, and has the aid which it has had the ability to grant.

Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., the Agent of the Society, has moved to the city of Philadelphia, and now resides at No. 4407 Chestnut street, in that city.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, the Society has sustained a great loss in the death of its distinguished and ven-

erable President, Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., on Monday, June 20, 1904.

Dr. Seiss had been one of the incorporators of the Society, was a member of its Board of Managers from the very beginning, and, with the exception of the first few years of its existence, was its President continuously up to the time of his decease.

The scope and purview of the objects of the Society were largely conceived and formulated by him. A mere glance at some of the principal undertakings of the Society, successfully carried out, demonstrates the wisdom and undoubted utility of the scheme in view in its organization.

The establishment of the influential Church of the Holy Communion, of which Dr. Seiss was the honored pastor from its foundation in the year 1875 to the date of his death, was greatly facilitated through the medium which the Society afforded for its proper and successful organization.

The reports of the Society, as contained in the Minutes of the General Council, are, in a great measure, a record of the intelligent, devoted and valuable services of its President, Dr. Seiss.

The Society took proper action on the death of Dr. Seiss, recording its appreciation of his long and eminently useful life, and its satisfaction that as a Society it had been permitted to enjoy the benefit and blessing of his great and powerful mind and personality, in its best and most matured period, for so many years.

The Society further expressed its profound sense of the value of Dr. Seiss' labors in all the fields of work within the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he was engaged as a laborer, and of his high professional achievements, and that it would ever remember with love and admiration the beautiful and well-rounded life he lived among the members,—a life that shone with a radiance that emanated from the Divine Master he served so faithfully. Dr. Seiss had been, indeed, to the Society, a safe, wise and conservative leader, as well as an earnest and warm friend. Justice will undoubtedly be done to the memory of Dr. Seiss at this meeting of the General Council, of which he was at one time an honored President.

The receipts and expenses of the Society will appear from the annual reports of the Treasurer, E. Augustus Miller, Esq., sub-

mitted to the Society at the January meeting in 1904 and January, 1905, copies of which are appended to this report, together with a list of the assets of the Society and a quarterly statement of the Treasurer, presented at the April meeting of the Board in 1905.

To correct any misapprehension as to the apparent balance of $15,752.50 in the treasury on April 24, 1905, the Board desires to state that said amount has since been appropriated for loans to various congregations, including the following loans:

Montreal Congregation	$5,000 00
St. Paul's, Scranton, Pa.	2,500 00
St. Mark's, Boston	3,200 00
St. Mark's, Fargo	4,000 00
Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee	2,000 00

The present officers of the Society are:

President, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D.
Treasurer, E. Augustus Miller, Esq.
Secretary, William H. Staake, Esq.

Managers—Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., Rev. Charles L. Fry, and Messrs. John Willing, James H. Wolfe, James N. Mohr, E. R. Artman, E. Augustus Miller, A. C. Albrecht, E. Clarence Miller, James N. Snyder, F. C. Bergstresser and William H. Staake.

The standing committees are:

Executive Committee—Rev. Jacob Fry, D.D., E. Augustus Miller and F. C. Bergstresser.

Finance Committee—John Willing, E. R. Artman and James N. Mohr.

Church Extension—Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D., James H. Wolfe and Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D.

In view of the fact that a number of applications have been made for loans of money for the erection of parsonages, we again state the object of the Society as:

"To secure and safely manage a permanent church extension fund, and to hold the same in trust to assist Missions and other needy Churches in the securement of grounds for the building of church edifices and the erection thereon of churches or chapels for the use of congregations in the public worship of Almighty God in accordance with the faith and usages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the securement of grounds for the building of institutions of learning, charity or benevolence."

The payment of $50 at one time constitutes a life-membership, and $5 an annual membership.

The Society also acts as trustee for congregations or institutions in holding their property, pending their legal incorporation

Again returning thanks to Almighty God for His blessing upon the Society since the last meeing of the General Council, we ask, on the part of the Church, an increase of interest in and a continued appreciation of the objects of the Society.

We ask, for the Agent of the Society, a welcome into the congregations, and assistance in presenting the claims of the Society for the generous support of our people.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Secretary.*

Annual Report of E. Augustus Miller, Treasurer of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society from January 1, 1903, to .. December 31, 1903, Inclusive.

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To Balance in bank, January 1, 1903			$11,179 07
Contributions from individuals	$3,849 54		
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	4,629 46		
Pittsburgh Synod	2,120 19		
District Synod of Ohio	559 36		
Synod of New York and New England	424 09		
Synod of the Northwest	366 64		
Chicago Synod	57 92		
Pacific Synod	29 01		
Unclassified sources	130 32		
		$12,166 53	
Repayment of loans, as follows:			
St. Peter's Church, Natrona	$ 200 00		
Salem Church, Minneapolis	1,200 00		
First Church, Mt. Vernon	500 00		
		$1,900 00	
Interest paid to credit of churches in Bond Scheme	707 00		
		2,607 00	
Interest on deposits		109 62	
			14,883 15
			$26,062 22

The special Lenten Offerings amounted to $4,668.05.

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For Superintendent's Salary	$ 290 00	
Superintendent's expenses	66 70	
Expenses of collectors for $90,500 Fund	200 00	
C. D. Marwedel annuity	60 00	
Printing and Pyramids	574 81	
Stationery, clerk, etc.	43 45	
		$ 1,234 96
Cancellation of Bonds	$5,900 00	
Interest on Bonds	240 00	
		6,140 00

Loans made by Society as follows:

Trinity Church, Haverford, Pa.	$1,000 00	
Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,500 00	
Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.	2,500 00	
St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.	1,200 00	
Grace Church, Wyndmoor, Pa.	2,000 00	
St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, Wash.	1,500 00	
Holy Trinity Church, Elmira, N. Y.	1,000 00	
Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.	2,500 00	
Emanuel Church, Coshocton, Ohio	1,500 00	
		15,700 00
		$23,074 96
Balance in Bank, December 31, 1903		2,987 26
		$26,062 22

Balances stand to the credit of Special Funds as follows:

Salt Lake City Mission, Utah	$ 540 50
Special Trust (Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.)	100 00
$90,500 Fund	2,962 67
Mission at San Jose	300 00

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To Balance in Bank January 1, 1904		$ 2,987 26
Contributions from individuals	$3,236 48	
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	5,085 40	
Pittsburgh Synod	1,965 59	
District Synod of Ohio	469 42	
Synod of New York and New England	726 38	
Synod of Northwest	334 14	
Chicago Synod	162 43	
Pacific Synod	45 65	
Unclassified sources	35 05	

Cash received from executors estate of Rev. Reuben Hill, D.D., deceased	16,403 45		
Interest on deposit	308 89		
		$28,772 88	
Repayment of loans as follows:			
St. John's Church, Mckeesport, Pa.	$1,000 00		
St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	200 00		
St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind.	100 00		
St. James' Church, Portland, Ore.	480 00		
		1,780 00	
		30,552 88	
			$33,540 14

CR.

For Superintendent's salary	$ 400 00		
Superintendent's expenses	155 34		
C. D. Marwedel Annuity	60 00		
Pyramids	707 68		
Taxes on lot at Bismarck, N. D.	42 32		
Repayment of remittance sent to Treasurer by mistake	87 60		
Printing, stamps, clerk services and incidentals	70 45		
		$ 1,523 39	
Loans made as follows:			
St. John's Church, Ogontz, Pa.	$2,000 00		
Grace Church, Perth Amboy, N. J.	3,000 00		
St. Luke's Church, Chicago, Ill.	500 00		
St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Ill.	3,000 00		
St. James' Church, St. Paul, Minn.	2,500 00		
Church of Our Saviour, Philadelphia	2,000 00		
Zion Church, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.	600 00		
St. Paul's Church, Detroit, Mich.	5,000 00		
		18,600 00	
Balance, December 31, 1904		13,416 75	
			$33,540 14

Of the above balance of $13,416.75 there stand credits to special accounts as follows:

$90,500 Fund	$5,775 62	
Special Trust of Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D.D.	100 00	
Salt Lake City Mission	620 80	
		$6,495 42
Balance to credit of General Fund		$6,920 33

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer.*

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E. Aug. Miller, in account with The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

DR.

1905.				
Jan. 1.	To Balance as per report			$13,416 75
	Contributions from Jan. 1, 1905, to April 23, 1905, inclusive	$1,949 34		
	Est. R. Hill, dec'd, on account balance due	104 20		
	For St. Mark's Church, Boston, loan	140 00		
				2,193 54
	Repayment of loans:			
	St. James' Church, Portland, on account	$ 240 00		
	Grace Church, Toledo, in full	1,500 00		
	St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, on acct.	600 00		
	St. Peter's Church, Chicago, on account	202 62		
				2,542 62
	Received from Germantown Bank discount of note of $1,800, with which to make purchase of lot in East Germantown			1,772 70
				$19,925 61

CR.

Church of Holy Trinity, Cleveland, O., loan	$2,000 00		
Commonwealth Trust Co., purchase of lot in East Germantown	1,772 70		
Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., expenses to date	344 50		
Church Register Co., printing for Supt.	46 65		
Incidentals, printing and stamps	9 25		
			4,173 10
Apr. 24. Balance			15,752 51
			$19,925 61

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer.*

E. Aug. Miller, Treasurer, in account with The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society.

1905.	DR.		
Apr. 24.	To balance as per last report		$15,752 51
	Receipts from April 24 to July 25, regular-contributions	$7,796 68	
	Legacy, est. Maria E. Heinitsh	500 00	
			8,296 68
	St. John's Church, Anderson, on acct. loan	100 00	
	Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, on acct. loan	200 00	
			300 00
			$24,349 19

CR.

Apr. 25.	George H. Buchanan, printing p. c. notices...	$ 6 50	
May 8.	W. E. Speer, remittance returned, paid by mistake	10 00	
20.	Wm. F. Murphy's Sons, membership book..	6 75	
June 2.	Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., expenses.....	13 00	
16.	National Bank of Germantown, paid on account loan, $50.00; discount of new note, $27.13	77 13	
July 11.	St. Mark's Church, Boston, loan.....	3,200 00	
	Rev. Chas. G. Beck, loan to Church in Montreal, Canada	5,000 00	
15.	Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D.D., contributions made for Boston, paid to him at his request	149 50	
18.	Westmoreland Journal, printing pamphlets..	111 87	
	W. A. Rafferty, notary fees.....	1 25	
			8,576 00
25.	Balance in Bank		15,773 19
			$24,349 19

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer*

The following are the assets of the Society, January 1st, 1905:

Note and Mortgage	Zion's Church, Tacoma, Wash.....	$1,000 00	
Bond	" Grace Church, Newark, N. J.....	2,000 00	
Note	" St. John's Church, Anderson, Ind. (bal.)	400 00	
Bond	" Church of Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y....	500 00	
"	" St. John's Church, Wilkes-Barre, (bal.).	800 00	
Note	" St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass.....	1,800 00	
"	" St. Mark's Church, Boston, Mass.....	3,000 00	
"	" St. John's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	1,500 00	
Bond	" Ev. Luth. Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y....	500 00	
Bond	" Ev. Luth. Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y....	500 00	
Note	" Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., (balance)	5,905 32	
"	" St. James' Church, Portland, Ore., (bal.)	9,768 69	
"	" St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn., (bal.)	3,937 29	
"	" Holy Trinity Church, Salt Lake City....	2,400 00	
"	" Zion's Church, The Dalles, Ore.....	900 00	
Bond	" Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,500 00	
"	" St. Peter's Church, Natrona, Pa.....	300 00	
Note	" St. Peter's Church, Chicago, Ill.....	500 00	
"	" Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis....	1,450 00	
"	" Church of Transfiguration, Phila., Pa....	1,000 00	
"	" Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, N. J....	2,000 00	
"	" St. John's Church, New Castle, Pa.....	1,500 00	
"	" Holy Communion Church, Racine, Wis...	1,500 00	
"	" Grace Church, Toledo, O., ($1,000 pd.)..	1,500 00	

Bond	"	Church of Resurrection, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,500 00
Note	"	Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.....	1,000 00
Bond	"	Church of Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.....	5,000 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, New Kensington, Pa..	900 00
"	"	Church of Our Saviour, Trenton, N. J...	2,000 00
"	"	Trinity Church, Haverford, Pa.....	1,000 00
"	"	Bethlehem Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,500 00
"	"	Holy Trinity Church, Seattle, Wash.....	2,500 00
Note	"	St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn...	1,200 00
Bond	"	Grace Church, Wyndmoor, Pa.....	2,000 00
Note	"	St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, Wash....	1,500 00
Bond	"	Holy Trinity Church, Elmira, N. Y.....	1,000 00
"	"	Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.....	2,500 00
Note	"	Emanuel Church, Coshocton, Ohio.....	1,500 00
Bond	"	St. John's Church, Ogontz, Pa.....	2,000 00
"	"	Grace Church, Perth Amboy, N. J.....	3,000 00
Note	"	St. Luke's Church, Chicago, Illinois.....	500 00
"	"	St. James' Church, St. Paul, Minn.....	2,500 00
"	"	St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis.....	3,000 00
Bond	"	Church of Our Saviour, Philadelphia....	2,000 00
"	"	Zion Church, Olney, Philadelphia.....	600 00
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Detroit, Mich.....	5,000 00
			$92,861 30
Cash balance as above			13,416 75
			$106,278 05
Against this should be charged an outstanding Bond never presented for collection of			100 00
Leaving net general assets.....			$106,178 05

In addition the Society holds Bond and Mortgage of the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia, covering special fund for the City of Philadelphia, of $2.200.00; also title to lots in Bismarck, N. D., Mayville, N. D., Garden City, Utah, and Spanish Fork, Utah.

E. Aug. Miller, *Treasurer.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Church Extension Society be received and entered upon the Minutes.

The President announced that he had received a protest against action of the English Home Mission Board.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the protest be referred to the Committee on Protests.

The Report of the German Home Mission Board was presented by the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, President.

REPORT OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION BOARD.

This is the second time that the privilege is accorded to me, to present to this honorable body the report of the German Home Mission Board. Like all other mission work ours is uphill work, full of disappointments and discouraging experiences, showing, nevertheless, a steady progress and promising a rich harvest. If we look back seventeen years to the time when the General Council resolved to take up this work in the Northwestern territories, urged by the Canada Synod, and compare the state of affairs of that time with the present, we have all reason to say with grateful hearts, "Our labor has not been in vain in the Lord." We have, indeed, made progress, wonderful progress, and, though the existing conditions are by no means ideal, yet we see a decided improvement all along the line. Some churches and congregations which were then small and insignificant, and had to be nursed carefully to keep them alive, are now numbered amongst the strongest, are self-sustaining, and are making great strides forward. And in many localities, where at that time there was not even a farm, much less a church or school,—nothing but a wild and unbroken wilderness and a trackless forest, there are now rapidly-growing settlements and towns and villages, many of them with German names and a German population, German schools, and German churches.

The field, in which our board carries on its work, comprises the territories of Manitoba, Assiniboia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia, also the States of Kentucky, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and California.* The question, whether we shall also take up the work in Cuba, has been and still is under consideration.

Our missionaries, twenty in number, are faithful in the discharge of their arduous duties, and labor with great zeal and self-denial. While most of them are young and vigorous, and therefore well able to undergo the hardships which their calling makes unavoidable, there are some who have grown gray in the service, and might well be called veterans, but who are still doing noble work and that successfully. If I am asked what we need to enlarge our sphere of usefulness, I say: above all else we need more men, men who are willing and able to preach the Gospel to their scattered brethren in the German tongue, who will not prefer to

*For statistics see Home Mission Statistics at close of Minutes.

stand idle and wait for an opening in the East, while the North and the West and the South are crying, Come and help us, and we look to our Seminary in Philadelphia to give us such men, and are willing to pay for their education, while they are at the Seminary. If, however, Philadelphia has none to give, we shall have to apply to other sources.

Our organ, Siloah, is well known to all those who are interested in our work. Entering into 4,000 homes monthly, it brings the reports of the missionaries from the field, sets forth the needs of the hour, as they arise from time to time, and tries to stimulate interest in our work. Thanks to the efficient and unselfish services of our financial agent, Brother G. Herman, of the Wartburg Orphans' Home, the paper is not a burden to our treasury, but helps considerably to swell its funds.

This report would be incomplete, if it did not speak of our losses. For where there is profit and gain on the one side, there is generally loss on the other side. First of all, we have lost by death one of our youngest missionaries, the Rev. Gustav Poensgen, a graduate of our Philadelphia Seminary, and an efficient worker. The sad circumstances connected with his untimely end are still fresh in our memory, and the intention of the Board to erect a modest little monument at his last resting place in yonder church-yard, near the field of his labor, will find, without doubt, the support and sanction of our friends. We have also lost the young congregation which our departed friend called into existence, the German Lutheran Church, of Edmonton, which together with the congregation at Strathcona, was served after Bro. Poensgen's death by the Rev. M. Ruccius. As both of these congregations were small, only 12 to 15 families belonging to each, and as they are only a mile or two apart, we did not see the necessity for giving each one a pastor for itself. When the Edmonton congregation, however, insisted on having its own pastor, and requested our Board to pay him a salary of $600.00 a year for five consecutive years, stating that the congregation could not contribute anything to his support, as it had a $1,000 mortgage on the church, and warning us at the same time, that, if we did not comply with its request and these conditions, it would go over to Missouri, we declared our willingness to send them a pastor, who would devote himself entirely to Edmonton, provided they would pay half

of his salary, we to pay the other half. Instead of remembering gratefully what we had done for them in the past, and thanking us for the interest we took in their welfare, they suddenly broke off all connection with us, and with the Rev. M. Ruccius, and opened their church on Good Friday to a Missouri pastor, who was well acquainted with what was going on and who certainly cannot claim that the General Council church at Edmonton joined Missouri on account of a doctrinal question. It was simply a question of who pays best and who offers most.

Besides this small congregation in Edmonton we also lost a part of the Trinity Church at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Here it was the Joint Synod of Ohio which, though requested by us not to interfere until we had exhausted all means of adjusting the differences that had arisen between the North Side and the South Side members on the building question, championed the cause of the South Side members, who were in the minority, and has now organized a congregation, not heeding our protest.

Our work in Oregon, Washington and California is slowly but steadily progressing. Our missionaries there are laboring under great difficulties and cannot be praised too highly for their devotion to the cause and for their self-denial. To make this report complete, I must call the attention of this honorable body to the fact, that our Board, as at present constituted, is not an incorporated body according to the laws of New York. As far as we have been able to learn, the present charter would answer our purpose, if all the members of the present Board would sign it. As this, however, would have to be done every two years, it might be best to incorporate the board under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, as then the members elected by the General Council would be eo ipso recognized by the law.

Before closing, I take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues, ministers as well as laymen, for the untiring interest shown by them in the work that was entrusted to us and for their valuable counsel and help. I also thank our friends in the Ministeriums of Pennsylvania and New York, also in the Pittsburgh and Canada Synods for the substantial help which we have received from them and for the noble manner in which they have responded to our appeals. Will you help us in the future as you have helped us in the past? God grant it. When our work is finished, then

your interest and your gifts may cease. But our work is not finished—it is merely begun. Greater work is before us,—greater obligations are waiting us. Therefore, we plead with you, not to forget us. Our work is pioneer work. If we fail to present to our brethren in the Diaspora the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the faith of Luther and in the language of Luther now, there will never be an opportunity to preach it to their descendants in the English language later on.

Respectfully submitted, in the name of the Board,

E. C. J. KRAELING, *President.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of German Home Missions, From October 1, 1903, to September 21, 1905.

Receipts.

Balance received from the former treasurer, Mr. Martin Wulff..		$ 2,225 22
Contributions	$7,426 33	
Through the President of the Pennsylvania Ministerium from a special fund	200 00	
Received for special purposes	41 50	
From Mission congregations in Oregon	61 94	
From Mission congregations in Canada	18 26	
From Mission congregations in Kentucky	2 25	
For monument of Rev. G. Poensgen†	40 00	
		7,790 28
Total		$10,015 50

Disbursements.

Missionaries' salaries in Canada	$3,929 67	
Missionaries' salaries in Oregon	1,720 00	
Missionaries' salaries in North Dakota	300 00	
Missionaries' salaries in Washington.....	240 00	
Missionaries' salaries in Kentucky	200 00	
Missionaries' salaries in California	187 50	
Transferred to Church Building Fund	1,000 00	
Missionaries' traveling expenses	529 28	
Aid for a student at Kropp	325 00	
Forwarded for special purposes	41 50	
Conveyance for Rev. J. Burgdorf (property of Board)..	75 00	
Printing	27 03	
Postage stamps, telegrams, etc.	45 19	
		8,620 17
Balance in Bank, September 21, 1905.....		1,395 33
Total		$10,015 50

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Transferred from the general treasury	$1,000 00
Contribution	3 40
In Bank September 21, 1905	$1,003 40

No disbursements.

SILOAH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance October 1, 1903	$107 77
Subscriptions	942 38
Total	$1,050 15

Disbursements.

Printing and mailing twenty-four numbers	$912 00	
Expressage	10 80	
Cuts	4 50	
Three years' subscription for "Nordwesten"	3 00	
Printing and postal cards	5 00	
		$ 935 30
Balance in Bank September 21, 1905		114 85
Total		$1,050 15

AUG. FISCHER, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and found same correct.

WM. P. M. BRAUN,
C. G. FISCHER.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the German Home Mission Board be received, and consideration deferred. (See Fifth Session.)

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITOR.

The hour of 4 P. M. having arrived, the Rev. Prof. Samuel F. Breckenridge, of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ohio, the venerable Official Visitor of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, was presented, and in an address, in part reminiscent of the stirring days when the General Council came into being, conveyed the fraternal greetings of his Body, to which the President responded felicitously.

Rev. Dr. Belfour, President pro tempore, read the report of the Porto Rico Mission Board.

REPORT OF PORTO RICO MISSION BOARD.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

After the close of the last Convention of the General Council, the Board resumed its meetings, of which eleven have been held. Owing to a serious and continued bodily affliction, the Rev. Dr. Geissinger has not been able to meet with the Board during the past year, which has been the cause of deep regret to his associates, and we sincerely hope for his recovery. And the Rev. Philip Andreen having resigned his membership in the Board owing to his removal to California, the Rev. A. F. Lundquist was elected to fill his place.

A separate edition of five hundred copies of our last Report was published and sent out to our churches to awaken greater interest in the mission. The difficult work of the mission was carried on, as it had been, by the Rev. H. F. Richards, his wife, and Miss Wahlstedt. But, to our great regret, Miss Wahlstedt became seriously sick, and it was necessary to place her in the Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan. Later she came on to the Augustana Hospital in Chicago, and there submitted to a critical surgical operation, which proved successful, and for which we devoutly thanked God. The Board paid all traveling expenses, salary in full to Jan. 1, 1904, and half-salary from that date to Sept. 1, 1904. The improvement continued, and Miss Wahlstedt soon felt convinced that her cherished hope of returning to the mission would be realized.

The absence of this faithful missionary imposed extra burdens on the Rev. Mr. Richards, and retarded the good work. But the attention of the Board was directed to Miss Clara E. Hazelgreen, of Lake Station, Indiana, who offered her services to our mission. She was elected as a helper at the salary of $30.00 per month and traveling expenses to Porto Rico paid. And last September the Rev. C. H. Hemsath accompanied both ladies to New York, and attended to their embarkment for their destination. On their arrival they immediately entered upon the work awaiting them.

At the meeting of the Board in May, 1904, the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Richards was presented, but no definite action was taken on it until October, when it was accepted to take effect May 1, 1905. And it was then felt more deeply than ever before that

we must have more ordained missionaries on the ground. Earnest and persevering efforts were made by correspondence and otherwise to secure a man competent to fill the place. We had many refusals and disappointments, but, in His own good time, God gave us ample compensation for these by sending us a man after His own heart and pre-eminently fitted for the difficult position,—the Rev. Alfred Ostrom, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church, in Aurora, Ill., who was cordially recommended by ministers who know him well. After earnest reflection and prayer, and with the reluctant consent of his congregation, he accepted our call on the 7th of February, 1905, the salary to be $1,000 per year, and all traveling and moving expenses to Porto Rico to be paid by the Board.

In accordance with previous arrangements, a farewell service was held, April 3, 1905, in the First English Lutheran Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa., which was attended by a large and representative audience. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D., and addresses were made by the Revs. Edmund Belfour, D.D., and A. F. Lundquist. And, after Dr. Belfour had given the charge of commission to the Rev. Mr. Ostrom, the latter delivered an address, which inspired confidence, hope and enthusiasm in all present.

The missionary and his wife sailed from New York, April 8th, and reached San Juan on the 12th. They were met on their arrival by our missionaries and members of our congregations, who received them with joy, and they were made as comfortable as circumstances would permit. The Rev. Mr. Richards was very helpful to his new colleague as long as he remained on the ground, that is, until May 9. Immediately before his departure a special service was held of farewell to the Rev. Mr. Richards and wife, and of welcome to their successors. The former were given tokens of remembrance by the people.

The Rev. Mr. Ostrom says, that, as he viewed the departing vessel, his sensations were those of overwhelming depression. He realized that he was in the midst of a people to whom he was sent to preach the pure gospel of salvation, and whose language he did not understand, for the English-speaking people coming under his care are but few in number. But, on the following Thursday evening he preached a sermon in Spanish in the Church in San

Juan to the joy and satisfaction of the people, who were amazed. How could he do it? He wrote the sermon in English, had it translated by a competent Spanish scholar, received instruction in pronunciation, and delivered it. In a short time he began to translate from the English himself, and submitted his work for correction; but now the critic makes but very few changes. The case, as far as we know, is altogether an isolated one. The attempt was heroism, begotten of faith, and the attainment is phenomenal, and makes one think of the "gift of tongues." Since the 12th of July, the missionary has preached two sermons in Spanish each week. He is greatly encouraged by the increase in attendance at all services, and by the devout attention of the people and their participation in the worship. In order to aid them in this, he holds frequent services on Wednesday evenings, at which he teaches them the rendition of the service, which the Rev. Mr. Richards had translated. Mrs. Ostrom serves as organist at all the services. The communicant membership at the present is the following:

Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pablo, San Juan, Spanish	29
Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de San Pablo, San Juan, English	51
Iglesia Evangelica Lutherana del Divino Salvador, Catano, Spanish	37
Total	117

Letter from the Rev. Alfred Ostrom, Missionary in Porto Rico:

San Juan, Porto Rico, September 12, 1905.

To the Rev. J. L. Smith, D.D.,
Secretary Porto Rico Mission Board.

Dear Doctor: You request me to give you facts for the biennial report of the Board to the General Council. I hardly know what to write. The Board has closely followed the work here during the past two years and knows better than I what has been done. As to the work since I came here, that is fresh in mind from my letters. But I will say in a general way that our work is encouraging and meeting with as good results as could be expected.

I shall endeavor to give you a bird's-eye view of the situation on the island as it presents itself to me.

During the last two years there has, of course, been a development in all directions for good or for evil. I have not had opportunity to follow these, and I only briefly state the situation as it is now and as it bears upon our mission work.

Political.—There is a great and manifest discontent among the natives with our American government and the Americans in general. I shall not

enter into a discussion as to whether this is justified. I am rather inclined to the view that it is not. That some Americans are indiscreet and overbearing and thus the cause of much of this discontent may well be true; but the fault seems really to lie with the natives, in that they thought that by coming under the American government they could and would have a larger share in governing themselves than could be given them. This discontent has been freely ventilated in the press of the island, and has received much attention by the United States press, if we are to judge from the extracts reprinted in the papers here. This political situation must, of course, have quite a bearing on the church work. As the Americans in general are in disfavor, so is the American missionary, and his Protestant work viewed with more or less distrust. Hence here is one obstacle to our mission work on the island.

Catholic Church.—On account of many additions of active American priests and nuns, the Catholic Church is now working with great determination and seeming success. They will be sure to try to gather in all those who have any means, leaving the poor and degraded to the Protestants. They confine their work especially to the larger cities, and they have awakened much interest, and their churches are now well filled. Here in San Juan it is reported that not less than twenty-five priests and many nuns are eagerly and actively at work. That this zealous work on their part is largely directed against Protestantism is self-evident. Here is another great obstacle to our mission work.

Spiritualism.—This has a wonderful hold on the people, especially on those who are disgusted with the Catholic Church and stand aloof from it. Its tenets are such that it is hard to disabuse its adherents and gain them over. The works of infidels, of Ernest Renan and others, are read with delight. The divinity and atonement of Christ, the wages of sin and death are entirely ignored and discarded. It is taught that all will be saved, that God who has created all, will surely bring the whole human race to heaven. Taking delight in studying just such works, which aim to destroy the belief in the authority, antiquity and sacredness of the Bible, they become staunch enemies of the Church of Christ. Many of the adherents cannot read, but there is in every community some leader, who considers it his duty to inform the ignorant and thus entangle them in the network of spiritualism and infidelity. This I consider one of the greatest obstacles to our church work.

Protestantism.—Protestantism is, however, gaining ground, but slowly. Its novelty here has passed away and from now on it means a thorough work of going into the lanes and byways to search and gather in the lost. The common consensus of opinion of the Protestant missionaries is that in the larger cities the work is the least promising; but in the country barrios, where the plainer people live, it is more successful.

Lutheran Mission.—I feel that I can truthfully say, that, in proportion to the number of workers, ours is as prosperous as any Protestant mission here. In my opinion the Lutheran Church is the church for these people.

If we had more workers and thus could extend our work, we would doubtless meet with great results. But we must not only preach. We should also show the fruits of our Christian belief by taking care of orphans, helpless, aged and the sick. We need schools, orphanages, old people's homes and hospitals. God speed the day when we can thus truly serve Him among these people. Before many weeks we expect to begin work on new mission fields.

At present our work is as follows:

Sundays.—8 a. m., Spanish service in Catano; 10 a. m., Spanish Sunday-school in San Juan; 10.45 a. m., Spanish service in San Juan; 2 p. m., Spanish Sunday-school in Catano; 3.30 p. m., English Sunday-school in San Juan; 7.30 p. m., English service in San Juan.

Weekdays, p. m.—Tuesday, English service in San Juan; Wednesday, Spanish service in Catano; Thursday, Spanish service in San Juan.

Classes.—Wednesday, 6.30 p. m., choir, Catano; Friday, 4 and 7 p. m., industrial classes in Catano; Saturday, 4 p. m., in San Juan.

Your cheerful servant,

ALFRED OSTROM, *Missionary.*

The above communication emphasizes the need of more ordained ministers in the field. The Rev. Mr. Ostrom is doing fully the work of two men, and more than he can long endure. The Board has cautioned him against over-exertion, which might disable him altogether, but his answer was that the work must be done, that there is no one else to do it, and that he is not suffering. But, according to his own statement, he spends forty-five hours each week at his desk, which is certainly too severe a strain on body and mind, especially in such a climate as that of Porto Rico, and it hinders the missionary in doing other work.

What would be the result, if he were disabled and compelled to return to the States even for a year's rest? The almost total loss of what has been accomplished before another man would be able to take up the work. Nor must we be satisfied with the present territory occupied. Numerous other places ought to be served with the Gospel in its purity, where it is now unknown as such.

The Board is now in correspondence with a worthy and competent minister, whom we hope to secure as a colleague for the Rev. Mr. Ostrom. Enlargement of the work or comparative stagnation are the alternatives before us, and we cannot hesitate in the choice. May God send us more laborers into the ripe harvest field.

We are fortunate in having several available lay helpers, one of whom, named Hidalgo, a pious and competent man, will be

engaged as a lay reader and assistant. He is now receiving special instruction. And a devout young lady, Gabriele Cuerbo, our first catechumen in Porto Rico, is now in training at the Milwaukee Deaconess' Motherhouse for the work of our mission. And we may well be thankful that the day has again dawned on the Church when the importance of female helpers is appreciated.

The possession of a neat church edifice in Catano has produced a very favorable impression on the community and been helpful to our work. And the little house standing on the church lot has been fitted up for the occupancy of the female helpers, "the cottage by the sea," humble, but comfortable. But the rented quarters for divine services and for the residence for the missionary and his wife in San Juan are entirely unsuitable for the purposes, and we must look forward for better provision, for a building owned by the Church. What a blessing to a neglected people, and what a monument to the donor would be at neat little Memorial Church!

And, in order to carry on the work of our mission in a manner commensurate with its importance, more money must be put at the disposal of the Board. A very limited number of our people have contributed, and some of them liberally, but there has not been a general response. Last year one gentleman in Pittsburgh gave $1,000.00, which accounts to a large extent for the balance in the treasury. And we appeal to our pastors and people to come to our aid in the effort to sustain and enlarge the mission. The door is open, the hour is auspicious, and the Lord bids us to go in and possess the land.

We submit the full and itemized report of the treasurer, and here present a synopsis of the same for the past two years:

October 1, 1903, balance on hand	$1,007 66	
Receipts as per detailed report	7,152 02	
		$8,159 68
Disbursements as per report	$5,346 86	
October 1, 1905, balance	2,812 82	
		$8,159 68

EDMUND BELFOUR, *President pro tem.*

Allegheny, Pa., Oct. 5, 1905.

The President called the Rev. Mr. Oswald to the chair.

On motion of the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, it was

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted, and that the work be commended to our churches.

Pending the consideration of a motion by the Rev. Mr. Kraeling as to the apportionment for German Home Missions, the Council adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth, of Greenville, Pa.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 14, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was led by the Rev. Luther Hogshead, President of the Chicago Synod.

The Roll was called. The Minutes of the Third Session were read, corrected, and approved.

The President appointed the following:

COMMITTEES TO NOMINATE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

1. For the Foreign Mission Board—The Revs. C. Armand Miller, D.D., and Martin Noyd, and Mr. F. P. D. Miller.
2. For the English Home Mission Board—The Revs. E. Belfour, D.D., and L. Hogshead, and Mr. C. A. FonDersmith.
3. For the German Home Mission Board—The Revs. F. W. Oswald, G. Doering and J. Nicum, D.D.
4. For the Porto Rico Board—The Revs. A. L. Yount, D.D., S. A. Repass, D.D., and M. L. Zweizig.

The President also appointed the following Committee to examine the Minutes of District Synods: The Revs. C. Armand Miller, D.D., H. H. Bruning, D.D., and C. F. W. Hoppe, Hon. C. A. Smith and R. D. Wenrich, M.D.

The Special Order was then presented by the Rev. C. Theodore Benze, of Erie, Pa., who led in the discussion of the following:

Theses on the Inner Mission.

1. The Inner Mission has for its purpose the relief of spiritual and physical needs by means of the preached Word and the ministrations of Christian love, and in the power of the love begotten of faith, to bring about the internal and external renewal of the masses within Christendom who have fallen under the power and rule of those evils that spring directly and indirectly from sin, and who are not reached, as for their Christian renewal they ought to be, by the established offices of the Church. It does not overlook any internal or external need, the relief

of which can be made an object of Christian love. (Art. I of the Statutes of the "Central Directory" and Wichern's "Denkschrift.")

2. In this definition three points may be emphasized: (a) The Inner Mission is *mission.* (That constitutes its Christian, uniform, churchly character.) (b) It is Inner Mission. (Therein lies its social character.) (c) It has a special form of manifestation. (Universal priesthood, participation of the laity, the work of societies.) (Reimpell.)

3. The subjects of the Inner Mission are the live and conscious members of the body of Christ. Its objects are those who have not consciously severed their connection with the body of Christ, but show no further life or activity. (v. Zezschwitz.) In our own country those who are outside the Church, but in the parish, are included in the Inner Mission work.

4. The principle of the Inner Mission is the love which seeks what is lost. "The time has come when the entire Evangelical Church must make the Inner Mission her work and demonstrate her faith by her love. This love must burn in her as the torch lighted of God, to show that Christ lives in His people. As the whole Christ reveals Himself in the living Word of God, so must He also declare Himself in divine acts; and the highest, purest and most churchly of these is saving love. If the Inner Mission be viewed in this light, the Church will have a new future before her." (Wichern: First Wittenberger Kirchentag, Sept. 21-23, 1848.)

5. The means of the Inner Mission are: (a) Essential or constitutive. (The Word in its various forms of promulgation, according to conditions.) (b) Auxiliary (preparative, making a way for the essential means.) (c) Conservative (preserving results obtained.) (v. Zezschwitz.)

6. In the Inner Mission we can trace three main currents, which separately flow through the history of the Church in its principal eras and combine in the Inner Mission in a common course of activity: (a) The Works of Mercy. (b) The free proclamation of the Gospel (in speech and print) by such as are duly authorized, but outside the pastoral office, from the pure motive of love for the neglected. (c) Attempts at reform within the church (Successful ones: the Lutheran Reformation, the Inner Mission; partly successful: Pietism.) (Schaeffer.)

7. Hence, in the confluence of these streams we may define the Inner Mission thus: It is that movement for reform in the Church of the 20th century, that undertakes to ameliorate the condition of the Church by an endeavor to fit into its life, constitutionally and permanently, the works of mercy and the free proclamation of the Gospel and to make them effective within the Church. (Schaeffer.)

8. The Inner Mission must not be confounded with: (a) Foreign Missions (Evangelistics), which aims to bring the Gospel to those in foreign lands, who are totally ignorant of it, as the heathen. (b) Home Missions which has for its object the seeking and gathering of scattered Christians, supplying them with the means of grace and in general rendering them such assistance as they may need, until a self-sustaining congregation is the result. (Ohl.)

9. From this standpoint we may say: The Inner Mission has for its object the spiritual betterment of the indifferent, the fallen, the poor, the sick and the neglected of every age and class; and the protection of the imperilled through the widest possible diffusion and application of the Divine Word and the exercise of genuine mercy and benevolence in their many forms. (Ohl.)

10. The necessity of the Inner Mission arises from certain needs:

I. The Spiritual, arising: (a) From insufficient preaching of the Word and lack of pastoral care (large parishes, infrequent services, residence among non-Christians or on the extreme outskirts of civilization, ignorance of the language, etc.); (b) From imperfect and incomplete action of the Word (frequent causes: no real Seelsorge, unfavorable environment, the growing disregard for the Lord's Day, unattractive churches and uninspiring services, neglect of Christian training in family and school, pernicious literature, the Sunday newspapers, etc.) (Ohl.)

II. The Moral: (a) Those that connect with the most depraved part of humanity (juvenile offenders, crime and criminals in general, prostitution, drug and liquor habits, tramps, vagabonds, etc.) (b) Those that result from defects in the social economy: (the disappearance of the home, the disregard of marital vows, easy divorces, the luxuriousness of present day life, the rush after wealth, the wrongs committed by capital and labor alike, etc.)

III. The Physical: (a) Sickness in its various forms (acute and chronic), infirmities (blindness, deafness, epilepsy, insanity, etc.) (b) Poverty (resulting from lack of work, the dwelling house problem, orphanage and destitution); (c) Universal evils (war, epidemics, calamities by fire and water, rail and sea.) (d) Social conditions (congestion of population, lack of employment, shiftlessness, woman question, labor, etc.)

11. The Helpers may be distinguished as: Helpers by profession (theological helpers, experienced pastors, the male diaconate, the female diaconate); (b) Free or voluntary helpers (associations, congregational societies, church bodies as conferences and synods): (c) Material means.

12. The City Mission is an important factor in the service of the Inner Mission. Its necessity arises from the trend of population to the cities, the material tendencies of city life, its moral problems, its sanitary problems, its social and economic conditions, and the impossibility of coping with these problems through the regular agencies of the Church.

13. The German City Mission (Berlin, Hamburg, etc.) differs from the English (London, Glasgow, etc.) in that it combines a large benevolent activity with the communication of the Word.

14. The City Mission of this type is characterized by three features: (a) A unifying activity (centralization of all works of mercy carried on in the city, survey of needs and means of relief): (b) An expanding activity (furtherance of existing institutions and associations, supply of helpers, counsel and help in organizing new features): (c) A missionary activity (independent work of the missionary and his helpers with the end of winning individuals and the masses by means of the Word, on the errands of assistance to the poor, needy, sick, etc., visitation of institutions, services, public addresses, articles in periodicals, etc.)

An earnest discussion ensued, resulting in the following action:

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That these Theses be entered on the Minutes and commended to the attention of the Synods.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. G. C. Berkemeier, it was

Resolved, That a permanent Committee on Inner Mission Work be now appointed, which shall take these Theses into consideration.

The President appointed the following:

Committee on Inner Mission Work.

New York and New England—The Revs. C. Armand Miller, D.D., F. A. Kaehler, D.D., G. Doering, E. F. Bachmann and G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.

Eastern Pennsylvania—The Revs. J. F. Ohl, Mus. D., A. Spaeth, D.D., E. T. Horn, D.D., and C. Goedel.

Western Pennsylvania—The Revs. C. Theo. Benze and H. W. Roth, D.D., and J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis—The Revs. M. Noyd, A. Hult, H. L. Fritschel, A. J. D. Haupt, G. H. Trabert, D.D., and Mr. Grant Hultberg.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. O. P. Smith, the Council adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.

Saturday, October 14, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Siebert, of Germantown, Ohio.

The Minutes of the Fourth Session were read and approved.

On motion of the Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling, pending at the close of the Third Session, it was

Resolved, That the work of the German Home Mission Board be recommended to the various Synods of the General Council, and that the same privileges for raising money for their work be accorded them as to the other Boards of this Body.

The Rev. W. F. Bacher read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the President's Report, begs leave to report as follows:

1. In view of the fact that but few of the Fathers who participated in the formation of the General Council are yet with us, and that the number

of these survivors is constantly diminishing, we recommend that proper notice be taken of the Fortieth Anniversary of the organization of this Body in the program of the Convention of 1907.

2. In answer to the question of the President concerning the functions of his office, especially in the matter of his official report, your committee recommends as answer that the present report, in the wideness of its scope and the fulness of its detail, in referring to the matters of vital interest to the doctrine and life of the Church and to civic righteousness, gives to this Body the demonstration of his satisfactory interpretation of the constitutional functions of his office in bringing to the Council's notice the topics of most timely and profitable consideration.

3. We note with joy the continued prosperity and development of the Deaconess work and the work of our Emigrant House in New York City. We are particularly pleased to note the efforts being made by our Deaconess Institutions looking toward the education of young women as parish Kindergarten teachers.

4. We endorse the President's statements relative to the work of circulating evangelical truth through the church press and heartily commend the Church papers to our people.

5. We join our President in deeply regretting the illness of the Rev. Drs. Krotel, Geissinger, Weidner, J. A. W. Haas and Mr. Wm. Hengerer, and earnestly hope and pray that God may speedily restore these and all our afflicted brethren to health and strength.

6. We recommend that the proposition looking toward uniform statistics in the Lutheran Church be referred to the Committee on Practical Co-operation.

7. We recommend that the questions of the Editor of the Lutheran Church Almanac relative to that publication be referred to the Board of Publication.

8. We rejoice to hear of the work of the Pennsylvania Ministerium among the Lutheran Slovaks in this country and recommend that the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Ministerium's Committee on Slovak work be given an opportunity to address this Convention regarding the work.

9. We recommend that the matter of the protests of the California Conference, Augustana Synod and of the General Synod be referred to the Augustana Synod.

10. In the matter of proposed uniform laws in the United States concerning marriage and divorce, your committee recommends that, though this Body has for some years been carefully discussing this subject on theses still before it, the General Council places itself most unequivocally upon record as strongly favoring uniform laws in the land to protect by every safeguard possible the holy relations of the divine institution of marriage.

11. We have heard with pleasure the timely words of the President upon

the topic of the true Evangelism in contrast with that which is unauthorized and irresponsible, as given in his official reply to inquiry upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. A. LINDAHL,

F. A. KAEHLER,	ISAAC S. MOTTER,
F. K. BERND,	CHAS. B. OPP,
WM. F. BACHER,	C. R. LANTZ,
W. WARREN WATTLES,	LOUIS W. KAUFMANN.

The following action was taken:

Item 1, concerning celebrating the Fortieth Anniversary, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to carry this into effect.

Items 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was adopted, with instructions to the Corresponding Secretaries to communicate the action to the afflicted brethren.

Items 6 and 7 were adopted, referring matters to the Committee on Practical Co-operation and the Board of Publication.

Under item 8, on motion:

Resolved, That the Slovak work be officially presented immediately after the Reception of Official Visitors.

With reference to Item 9, on motion of Mr. Schlegelmilch, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the same be deferred until after the Report of the Committee on Protests.

With reference to Item 10, it was, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Haupt,

Resolved, That the consideration of the item be deferred until after the presentation of Theses on Divorce and Marriage to be presented by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs.

In this connection the Rev. Dr. Horn offered a Resolution for subsequent discussion. See Minutes of the Seventh Session.

Item 11, with reference to True Evangelism, was approved.

With the exception of the Item referring to the Committee on Protests, the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Wm. D. C. Keiter, chairman, presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTESTS.

Your Committee to whom were referred the protests in the hands of the President of the General Council begs leave to present the following:

I. Regarding the communication from Rev. H. C. Schmidt, D.D., late General Council Missionary, addressed to the President of this General Council, under date of Sept. 2, 1905, your committee would most respectfully report:

1. That it has carefully and conscientiously considered the representations of Dr. Schmidt, and with equal care reviewed the action of the General Council, both at Lima in 1901, and at Norristown in 1903, and is of the opinion that the action of the Council in both instances was fully justified, and that said action did not, and in our opinion does not reflect upon the good name or integrity of Dr. Schmidt.

2. That we regret that Dr. Schmidt should at this time persist in protesting against former action of this Body, especially in view of the fact that this General Council by its approval of the action of its Board as reported at Norristown, Pa., has given Dr. Schmidt cordial and substantial evidence of its recognition of his (Schmidt's) long and arduous labors as a missionary in the service of the General Council.

II. Regarding the address and protest of Dr. Edman, formerly a missionary in the service of the General Council, your Committee would say, that, inasmuch as information was furnished to the effect that the claims of Dr. Edman had been satisfactorily met and adjusted, the basis of his protest had thereby been removed. We therefore recommend that the same be herewith dismissed.

III. Regarding the matter of a protest, or communication from Mr. J. E. Earhuff, a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at North St. Paul, dated Oct. 10, 1905, and addressed to the President of this General Council, protesting against the action of the Home Mission Board of the General Council in withholding further aid from this congregation, your Committee would say, that, while the protest or communication is on its face irregular, and cannot be entertained, yet, in view of certain peculiar conditions surrounding the work in this field, the matter be respectfully referred to the English Home Mission Board for consideration.

IV. Relative to the protest of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod referring to the missionary activities of Rev. Dr. E. Nelander, of San Francisco, a member of the General Synod, and to the reply of the General Synod to the presentations of the Augustana Synod, referred to your Committee, we would say, that, whereas a letter from Rev. C. M. Esbjörn, President of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod conveys the information that the said Dr. Nelander had ceased his objectionable activities by removing to another field of labor, and accepting a congregation belonging to the California Conference, therefore your Committee recommends that the matter be held in abeyance pending further action of the Augustana Synod.

V. Regarding certain letters of appeal directed to the President of the General Council by Rev. J. Witke, a member of the New York Ministerium, your Committee feels that while this Body can not entertain any such private letters, yet Rev. J. Witke's condition is such that we would respectfully suggest that his case be recommended to the charitable consideration of the New York Ministerium.

Wm. D. C. Keiter,	G. E. Schlegelmilch,
O. E. Pflueger,	F. P. D. Miller,
G. W. Sandt,	J. Boyd Duff.

The following action was taken:

Item 1, concerning Dr. Schmidt, was unanimously adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That this action be communicated to the Rev. Dr. Schmidt.

With reference to Item 2, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That all reference in the President's report to Dr. Edman's protest be omitted in the printed Minutes.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was laid on the table.

Item 5 adopted.

FINAL ACTION ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

On motion of the Rev. H. E. Weller, it was

Resolved, That the President's Report, and that of the Committee on the President's Report be adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, considered during the First and Second Sessions, was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe presented a partial

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your Committee to examine matters in the Minutes of the Synods referring to the General Council respectfully reports that the following items are found in the Abstracts and Minutes which have been placed into our hands.

A. Pennsylvania Ministerium.

1. Inasmuch as the Common Service as published by the General Council varies from that which was adopted by the "Joint Committee," and inasmuch as the several editions in the hands of our people do not agree—all of such variations tending to defeat the purpose of the Common Service as expressed in the Preface of the Church Book (p. X, lines 8, 20) and cause confusion among our people, therefore

Resolved, That we ask the Ministerium to memorialize the General Council to publish the "Common Service" as it was adopted by the Joint Committee.

It is recommended that this be referred to the Church Book Committee.

2. By resolution of the Ministerium (Minutes 1904, p. 92) the General Council is asked to impress its pastors with the importance of urging the establishment and work of Christian Kindergartens upon their people.

It is recommended that this be referred to the Committee on Education.

3. At the meeting in Lancaster, Pa., 1905, $630 was appropriated for the expenses of the General Council.

4. In view of the fact that the copyright on the so-called "Mann-Krotel Catechism," entered in the name of the Ministerium in 1863, by authority given to the proper committee, after a term of forty-two years (the length of time for which certificate is issued) will expire this year; and since, according to a canvass made several years ago, many of the pastors are still using it, consequently a demand for it exists, the following is offered, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Krotel, the surviving member of the original committee, be most respectfully requested to make a revision of the

Catechism, adding such features as in his judgment may be deemed desirable; further, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the General Council be authorized to publish the same.

At the eleventh session "these resolutions were adopted, with special resolutions that the second one be understood to carry with it the right of property" (reference to the Board of Publication is recommended); "and that the determination of the text to be used in the Catechism be left to the Church Book Committee of the General Council."

5. In reference to the Unification of Missions the following action was taken (Min. 1905, p. 97):

"WHEREAS, The plan for the unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council has been submitted to the various Conferences of the Ministerium for discussion, and

WHEREAS, A majority vote, but not a two-thirds constitutional vote, of the Ministerium has at this Convention been cast in favor of transferring its Home Missions to the General Council, therefore,

Resolved, That this Ministerium, through its delegation, petitions the General Council to formulate a plan for said unification, and to hand the same down to the various District Synods for their consideration and final action."

We recommend that this action be referred to the Committee on the Unification of the English Home Missions.

6. The following action was taken in regard to "Sunday-school Instruction in 'The Service'" (Min. 1905, p. 55, 56): "We recommend that Synod request the General Council to have a series of lessons prepared, which may be regarded as additional to the Graded Course, and which will embody the following: General subject of worship, Phases of it in Old Testament and New Testament times; Christian worship; the atmosphere of worship; the Church Year explained; the formal side of worship; the Liturgy; Chief Service; Matins and Vespers; Lections, Collects, and Prayer; Psalms and Hymns."

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the Committee on Sunday-school Work and the Church Book Committee.

B. New York Ministerium.

No items.

C. Pittsburgh Synod.

7. "*Resolved,* That we instruct our delegates to the General Council to request that body to so modify the article of the Constitution relating to delegates as to make the Superintendent of Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and the Manager of the Board of Publication, delegates or representatives ex-officio, and that all general boards elected by the General Council be entitled to a delegate."

8. "The plan of unification of English Home Missions submitted by the General Council committee was adopted and it was resolved: That this

Synod, having already expressed its approval of the 'Unification Plan,' hereby declares itself ready and willing to commit its missions to the General Council's English Home Mission Board as soon as the conditions of the plan have been complied with."

Reference to the Committee on Unification is recommended.

D. District Synod of Ohio.

9. "*Resolved,* That this Synod now, as always in the past, is prepared to accept any well digested plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the General Council as soon as the Synods generally are willing to enter upon such an arrangement."

Reference to the Committee on Unification is recommended.

10. "*Resolved,* That to secure for us an intelligent, satisfactory and full understanding, and to prevent future misunderstandings, our delegates to the General Council be instructed to make proper inquiry regarding the relations of the Church Extension Society to the General Council, and what power or control the Council has or can exert over the monies sent to the Society."

E. Augustana Synod.

11. "The principle of the Unification of English Home Missions of the General Council which was laid before the Synod at its meeting in Lindsborg last year, has not met with general approval within the Synod. The question was tabled until the meeting of this year, but no action was taken then as the question was not reported for action by the Synodical Council."

Reference to Committee on Unification is recommended.

12. At its last meeting the Synod passed the following resolution with respect to candidates for ordination to the ministry: "That the Synod, except in extraordinary cases, that are had in view in the Constitution of the Synod, Chap. V, Art. II, Sec. 4, Part 4, will not grant any applicant ordination who has not taken the full course prescribed for examination, at the Seminary of the Synod (or at least spent the last year of his theological studies at this Seminary), and presented a proper certificate from the Theological Faculty that he has passed an approved and satisfactory examination in the course of study required by the Synod."

The President of the Synod says further: "It were well that the other Theological Seminaries of the General Council would take notice of this position of the Augustana Synod and be governed accordingly in instances where young men who intend to enter the ministry within the Augustana Synod for some reason or other pursue their studies at these institutions, and thus avoid any possible friction in the future."

F. Chicago Synod.

13. "Whereas, The object of all church organization is to spread the truth of God's Word, by means of which sinners are to be renewed, sanctified and developed into becoming workers with God, therefore

Resolved, 1. That it should be the first and chief object of all the Publication Boards of the Church to circulate the literature of the Church at the lowest possible price, without any thought of making profits for her beneficent operations.

Resolved, 2. That we as a Synod do most respectfully petition the General Council to instruct its Publication Board to work hereafter on this basis."

14. "That it is the sense of our Synod, that we are ready to enter upon the plan of unification on the following conditions:

a. That our Home Mission Committee be represented on the General Board.

b. That we do not surrender our right to plant and maintain Synodical missions, when and where we deem it necessary."

Reference to the Unification Committee is recommended.

H. Synod of the Northwest.

15. "The Synod has adopted the plan of unification of the English Home Missions."

It is recommended to refer this item to the Committee on Unification.

16. "It has pledged and paid a good portion of the salary of the traveling missionary for Minnesota and the Dakotas."

I. Pacific Synod.

17. "This Synod requests the Board of Publication to furnish the Pacific Synod Missions with our publications at cost price."

Reference to the Board of Publication is recommended.

J. Synod of New York and New England.

18. As a substitute for the proposed plan of unification, it was

"*Resolved,* That we heartily approve of the Unification of our English Home Mission work."

It is recommended to refer this to the Committee on Unification.

K. Recommendation.

19. In order to facilitate the work of this committee, on matters in the Minutes of Synod referring to the General Council, be it

Resolved, That the English Recording Secretary be instructed to request the secretaries of the District Synods to furnish him with transcripts of matters referring to the General Council, acted on by the various Synods during the biennium, prior to the meeting of the General Council.

C. Armand Miller,
H. H. Bruning,
W. Hoppe,
Reuben D. Wenrich,
C. A. Smith.

The following action was taken:

Item 1 was referred to the Church Book Committee.

Under Item 2 the Committee's suggestion was tabled, and instead, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, it was

Resolved, That the action of the General Council with reference to the establishment of Kindergartens in our congregations passed at the meeting in Norristown be hereby reaffirmed, and that the attention of our Synods and congregations be directed to the fact, that steps have been taken to train Lutheran Kindergarten teachers in the Motherhouses for Deaconesses at Philadelphia and Milwaukee.

Item 4 was referred, as suggested, to the Board of Publication and the Church Book Committee.

Items 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15 and 18 were referred to the Committee on the Unification of English Home Missions.

Item 6 was referred to the Committee on Sunday-school Work in conjunction with the Church Book Committee. (See Sixth Session.)

Under Item 7, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That the chairmen of all Standing Committees and Boards and the manager of the Board of Publication shall have the right to the floor whenever matters pertaining to their committees or boards are before the Council.

Under Item 10, no action was taken, but the Rev. Dr. Laird, President of the Church Extension Society, explained the operations of the Society.

Item 12 having been reached, it was

Resolved, That further consideration of the report be deferred until Monday morning's session.

On motion of Prof. Lewis M. Haupt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, touching

International Arbitration.

WHEREAS, Wars are wasteful and degrading, a hinderance to the moral, intellectual and Christian development of nations, and a most serious obstacle to the extension of the gospel of peace; and

WHEREAS, The more exalted method of arbitration has been successfully applied in the peaceful adjustment of international differences, to the lasting honor and benefit of the disputants having recourse thereto, be it therefore

Resolved by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, That it heartily commends all efforts to settle interna-

tional disputes by arbitration, as being conducive to the peace of the world and the extension of Christianity.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Andreen, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the action on arbitration be transmitted by the English Corresponding Secretary to the President of the United States.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Smith, of Pittsburgh, the Council adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, October 16, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, of Philadelphia.

The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

ACTION ON REPORT ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The consideration of the Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of District Synods was resumed, and, after reconsideration the following action was taken with reference to Item 6:

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Church Book Committee and the Sunday-school Work Committee.

The President called the Rev. Dr. Horine to the chair.

Under the Item 12, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That this item be received as information.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That this item be referred to the Faculties of the Theological Seminaries at Philadelphia and Chicago to be communicated to all students applying to these Seminaries from the Augustana Synod.

Under Item 13, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the General Council is not prepared as yet to comply with the petition of the Chicago Synod.

Item 17 was referred to the Board of Publication.

Item 19 was adopted, and the Report was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs, Secretary, presented the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The work of the Committee has been very seriously interrupted by the illness and death of its former Chairman, the Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., who from the foundation of the General Council, had been one of the most prominent and industrious members of the Committee, and its Chairman since the death of Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., in 1896.

I. The Committee has provided for an edition of the English Church Book, "with such changes in the prayers as will render them suitable for use in the British possessions," as directed by the last meeting of the General Council.

In answer to the request of Chicago Synod (p. 181), it recommends the forms for the transfer and dismission of members provided by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and published by the General Council's Board of Publication. It has considered also an outline form of call of congregation to a pastor, and has referred it for completion to a committee.

A request to publish a Mission Book with the Church Service and a number of Psalms and Hymns, referred to it by the Board of Publication, upon a petition from Minnesota pastors, received very mature attention. The result was, that it was regarded more desirable that measures should be taken to bring the cost of the Church Book for mission purposes to a minimum, and to recommend the vigorous support of the society formed to aid in the circulation of the Church Book.

II. The Committee met once in joint session with the Committees of the General Synod and United Synod South, further meetings having been hindered partially by the death of the President of the Joint Committee, the Rev. E. J. Wolf, D.D., LL.D., and chiefly by delays in the setting up of the "Hymnal." This "Hymnal," the work of the Joint Committee, by permission of the other General Bodies, is being published by the United Synod of the South for its use. The final revision is to occur at a joint meeting to be held in the near future, as soon as the proofs of the entire book can be had in their complete form.

H. E. JACOBS, *Secretary.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the action of the Church Book Committee with reference to an edition of the Church Book for the British possessions, to forms for transfer, and a call for pastor, be approved.

With reference to a Mission Book, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird, it was

Resolved, That this matter be referred jointly to the Church Book Committee and the Board of Publication, with power to act.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That the matter of the Church Book Society be referred to a special committee to report at a later session.

Committee: The Rev. Drs. S. Laird, C. A. Miller, and W. K. Frick.

No action was taken with reference to the proposed Hymnal. The adoption of the Report as a whole was deferred.

On motion of the Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, it was

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be requested to compare the rubrics of the Church Book and the Kirchenbuch, and to harmonize them if possible.

The Rev. Dr. Schmauk, Chairman, presented the

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK COMMITTEE.

During the past two years the General Council Graded System of instruction and training has been introduced widely through the General Council, as the financial statements of the Board of Publication will show in striking manner. The city of Philadelphia has maintained a General Council Primary and Intermediate Grade Union in successful operation for two years. The cities of Buffalo and Rochester are planning the formation of such General Council Teacher's Unions, and the Western Conference of the Synod of New York and New England is about to make strong efforts to introduce the system into every congregation within its borders. As an illustration of the progress, let us take the Ministerium of Pennsylvania whose Minutes show that seventy schools have adopted the Graded System during 1904-1905.

A Short and Easy Graded Course for All Schools.

Your committee is constantly engaged on the simplification, and the more perfect adaptation of the grades to the needs of the schools. By the First of Advent it will be able to offer a short

and easy Graded Course to Sunday-schools. This course will be composed of the three Primary Grades, and of five Intermediate Grades, which even the smallest schools, and the most backward scholars will find fitted to their needs. These eight grades are "Wonderland," "Workland, "Pictureland," "Bible Story," "Bible Readings," "Bible History," "Bible Scenes," and "Bible Biography."

The first step in a more perfect adaptation of the Grades to the pupils was taken two years ago when a new grade, "Bible Readings, Precepts and Outlines," was introduced between "Bible Story" and "Bible History." With the coming Advent, "Bible Scenes," which is a greatly simplified Bible Geography with devotional lessons interspersed in the text, will take the place of the old quarterly "Bible Geography." "Bible Geography," which is a standard publication, will still continue to be published in bound form; but all schools that order the quarterly will receive "Bible Scenes," the simplified form.

The Primary Course.

The bulk of the work of your committee has again been devoted to the Primary apparatus, and in several years more we trust that this work will be on a standard basis. "In Mother's Arms" is expected to appear by the First of Advent. "Wonderland" has been greatly simplified. "Workland" has been and will continue to be improved. "Pictureland" has been entirely reconstructed and re-written on the basis of the joint agreement as to subject, picture and Scripture text between the General Council, the General Synod, the United Synod South, and the Joint Synod of Ohio. The General Council and the General Synod have, furthermore, made the issue of "Pictureland" a joint enterprise, each bearing its own part of the expenses of publication, and with the editorial work, which is largely done by your committee, subject to the criticism and approval of the other body. The improvements in "Pictureland" have reached such a stage that the material in the course of a year or two will go into plate form, and will be published as a bound text-book.

During the past year the Lutheran Series of Biblical picture charts, composed of 104 large lithographs, printed in all colors, has been in process of production and completion at the Stecher Lithograph plant in Rochester, New York. These charts are

owned and are being used by the General Council, the General Synod, the United Synod South, and the Joint Synod of Ohio. They are a part of the General Council Graded course, intended for instruction, with "Pictureland," for the teacher in the Junior division; but they can also be used by ungraded Primary schools. They are designed for permanent use in the Primary department, embracing a two-year's standard course in pictorial Bible History, and their issue has given the Lutheran Church a complete Scriptural and pictorial apparatus. The Lithograph Company is now finishing the concluding scenes, and the whole two-year's course will be ready by next February although the last of the charts will not be needed until next October. The General Council Sunday-school editor has been placed in charge of this lithographic undertaking, by the four general bodies. The amount of detail and toil required for its completion has rendered it one of the most difficult enterprises ever entered upon in the work of this Committee.

The advantageous making of the contract, and the general financial and business responsibility, has rested chiefly upon Mr. C. B. Opp, the Manager of the Publication Board, and too much praise cannot be given to the Board and to its manager for the courage they have shown in entering this unknown field, and for the ability with which they have managed the successful prosecution of the work for the four General Bodies. In order to secure agreement in the Lutheran Church for this common set of picture charts, the General Council Committee and Publication Board have made great concessions, where no principle was involved, to the desires of the other bodies, and have assumed the active responsibility for all the work, and more than one-half of the financial responsibility. The result will justify the effort.

For years we have been furnishing small black half-tone pictures on cards to the Junior Division, but our schools have been very insistent that these pictures should be in colors, and for several years we have been in correspondence on the subject with various lithograph companies, but have always found the cost of printing a limited edition in colors to be prohibitive. Recently our Mr. Opp discovered a plan of utilizing the most advanced method of art color printing for the production of small colored picture cards in such way as will bring them within the range of our fin-

ancial resources, and will enable us to offer them to the schools shortly. These new small colored pictures are works of art, and far more beautiful than the ordinary small Primary picture card. They will satisfy the demand that has been insistent from the start, that we have not only large colored pictures for the schools, but small colored ones for the scholars. These pictures, like the charts, are a part of the grade course, but can be used with as great success as any other pictures in ungraded schools.

The new booklet for mothers of baptized children, "In Mother's Arms," will also be a joint undertaking between the General Council and the General Synod.

"Young Folks," the joint Sunday-school paper, begun a year and a half ago, has been successful beyond expectation. In the General Council it was not supposed that an illustrated weekly Sunday-school paper for young people, of the character maintained by "Young Folks," would be a feasible project; but the result has shown that the new paper is not very much less popular in the General Council than in the General Synod. It is managed on the business side by the two Boards on a joint and equitable basis. It is edited by the two Sunday-school committees in such way that the editorial force of each body assumes the editorial responsibility for an equal period of time during the year; and that nothing during the editorial control of the one body is to appear which has not been submitted to and does not meet with the approval of the other body. Provision is made, however, whereby each body may print its own doctrinal or other matter in its own edition exclusively, by paying for the extra cost of the introduction of such matter. The responsible General Council editor of Young Folks, the Rev. Dr. Sandt, has conducted the enterprise with signal ability, and is deserving of high praise for the patient and happy manner in which he has met and overcome the difficulties that are inevitable in the conduct of a joint weekly publication between two such bodies as the General Council and the General Synod.

In all these joint enterprises in which the Sunday-school Work Committee has been engaged, great care has been taken that none of the principles of the General Council, or of its doctrine, should be sacrificed, and the committees of the General Synod have been equally careful to protect the ends and interests of their own body.

So far as we know, the result has been to strengthen both bodies greatly, without in any wise tending to weaken, confuse or amalgamate the doctrinal basis of each.

In some quarters it is taken for granted that the loftiest object and ultimate aim of the Sunday-school Work Committee should be to secure the introduction of its improved grade methods into all American Sunday-schools, to infuse its leaven into the interdenominational Sunday-school work, and to secure recognition for its advanced standing among those outside the Lutheran Church. This is a mistake. The one chief object and duty of the Sunday-school Work Committee is to train and instruct the Lutheran Church in the pure Word of God and to conserve the youth in the pure faith and a godly life. If it have superior methods these are secondary. We have no call to furnish methods to the Christian world at large apart from the faith for which these methods exist. It is not a clever wrapper, but the proper medicine within, that strengthens and restores the patient. We are not in this work for the sake of furnishing clever wrappers without the medicine. But, if anyone wishes the medicine, he shall have the wrapper free of charge.

The German Sunday-school Series.

We are pleased to state that this Series has reached such a stage of completeness, that, with a single exception, the German schools of the General Council are now placed on a better footing, so far as the opportunities of thorough instruction in Bible History has been concerned, than has ever been enjoyed in the Lutheran Church in this country. First of all, Mrs. Weiskotten's German paper *"Kinderblacttchen."* which has a large circulation within and without the General Council, has been purchased by the Board of Publication, and, instead of being issued monthly hereafter, will appear in semi-monthly form, and with all its present features, will contain pictorial lessons for little children under six years of age. These lessons will correspond with those in "Wonderland" and in "Sunbeams" in the English language.

Second, through the efforts of Mr. Opp the large colored picture charts have been published in German as well as in English, and are now offered for sale. Not only these large charts, but the little colored charts for the scholar will also appear in German with the First of Advent under the title *"Sonnenstrahlen."*

These small pictures, but only in black monotone, have already been published during the past year.

Third, the General Council continues to offer the *"Erstes Lesebuch"* for scholars needing to acquire the first elements of the German language.

Fourth, the General Council continues to offer its *"Biblische Erzaehlungen,"* which consists of 52 standard scenes from "Bible History," treated in elementary form, and printed in large type with full-page picture.

Fifth, with the coming Advent, the General Council hopes to put on the market a grade still higher, viz, the *"Spruch und Lesebuch,"* printed in handsome large type, and containing Bible History slightly more difficult than *"Biblische Erzaehlungen,"* and many *Kern-Sprueche,* and standard hymns for memory work, and questions for written answers. This is one of the most valuable Bible History books in the course.

Sixth, we expected to have ready by the first of the coming Advent the *"Biblische Geschichte,"* which should complete the work of the previous grades, and which, with the catechism connected with this year's course, should properly prepare the scholar for his catechetical instruction and confirmation. But the manuscript is not yet ready, and the work may be delayed.

Seventh, the General Council still offers the *"Lektionsblaetter"* for use in classes where the scholars are confirmed, or are adults, and for use in the Bible classes.

Thus the churches of the General Council have had prepared for them a seven-fold course in *Biblische Geschichte* and catechism which, whether used in the parochial school or in the Sunday-school, will probably not fail to demonstrate its usefulness in this field.

The expense entailed by these publications has been large, but a growing use of these works by our German pastors and schools seems to indicate a great need that has thus been met.

The Swedish Sunday-school Work.

On the use of Lutheran grade apparatus in Swedish Sunday-schools, we are very much pleased to report great progress within the last two years.

First, the Lutheran Series of colored "Picture Charts" is being introduced into some Swedish schools, and the General Coun-

cil Publication Board has granted permission to the Augustana Book concern to use the plates for printing the small pictures corresponding to the large charts on a Primary Swedish lesson card.

Second, for the little ones there is the lesson paper called Solstralen, i. e., Sunbeams. The lessons for the smaller children in the Sunday-school are nicely printed in large type and are illustrated. The paper is almost an exact counterpart of our English Sunbeams.

Next above Solstralen comes the translation of our General Council Bible Story, called "Bible Stories from the New and Old Testament, Children's first book in Bible History." This book is a *fac-simile* in Swedish of the English Book, Bible Story.

Third, with this bi-lingual Primary and Bible Story apparatus, the Augustana Synod also publishes a good Bible History of its own in English.

We also understand that Bible Geography will probably be translated into Swedish and will furnish one more educational text-book in this course.

Last of all comes the Textblad, the lesson leaves for the Sunday-school, which are a reproduction of the General Council Scholars' Sunday-school Quarterly in Swedish, and which are sold at 25 cents per copy, and $10 per one hundred copies.

The Sunday-school Literature Committee of the Augustana Book Concern purposes to publish text-books in the Swedish language that may be used alongside of the General Council text-books and *vice versa,* and will, as the committee itself says, "undoubtedly create a wide demand for the General Council text-books in the Sunday-schools of the Augustana Synod."

Picture Cards in the Norwegian Language.

With the permission of the Sunday-school Work Committee, our Publication Board has furnished small picture cards, with the explanations to be translated into Norwegian, to the Rev. Thorlaksson.

A Summer School for Lutheran Sunday-school Teachers in Which the General Council Graded System is to be Taught.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania at its last session passed the following:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the establishment of a summer school for

Lutheran Sunday-school teachers in which the Graded System of the General Council Sunday-school Series is to be taught.

Continuation of General Council Apparatus.

In conclusion, the committee recommends the following:

1. *Resolved,* That the Committee on Sunday-school Work be and is hereby instructed to continue the preparation, and the Publication Board the publication, of all Sunday-school apparatus now in use; and that the Board of Publication pay the same amounts at the same times as heretofore to the committee for expenses, as provided for by the Council in past years.

2. *Resolved,* That the action of the Council, authorizing the committee to publish such other literature as in the judgment of the committee will prove useful to the work, and in the judgment of the Board will prove financially justifiable, be reaffirmed.

3. *Resolved,* That the action of the Council two years ago, giving the committee authority to make such changes in all new editions of its apparatus as it may deem advisable, be reaffirmed.

4. *Resolved,* That the committee be authorized to prepare, and in conjunction with the Board of Publication to issue a Common System of Lutheran Lessons for the Primary Department.

5. *Resolved,* That the committee and the Board of Publication be authorized to unite with proper representatives of other Lutheran bodies in this work, in so far as may be found practicable, and as there can be amicable agreement.

6. *Resolved,* That the issue of the joint Sunday-school paper be continued, and that the committee and Board be authorized to unite with the publishing houses of other Lutheran bodies in continuing the issue of such a paper, upon terms clear and explicit, each committee and Board to keep its issue strictly under its own control.

Respectfully submitted by The Sunday-school Work Committee.

The report was received, its several recommendations separately adopted, and then the report adopted as a whole.

On motion of the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, it was

Resolved, That the pedagogical principle position taken by the Committee on Sunday-school Work in publishing the several grades for the Primary Department of our schools, be heartily approved.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Schmauk, it was

Resolved, That the Committee be requested to complete its Form of Constitution for the regulation and government of a General Council Graded Sunday-school, in two years.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the agent of the American Bible Society be heard after the presentation of the Slovak cause this afternoon.

Adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Bruning, of White Haven, Pa.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, *October 16, 2 P. M.*

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Prof. William A. Sadtler, Ph.D., of the Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Ia.

The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read and approved.

Mr. Chas. B. Opp, Manager of the Publication House, presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

As soon as the official announcement was received from the Secretary of the General Council, after its meeting held at Norristown, Pa., in the fall of 1903, containing the information concerning the members that were elected by the said body as members of the Board of Publication, a meeting of the Board was duly called and the former officers were re-elected. At the same meeting proper steps were taken by which the action of the General Council could be carried into effect. It was found on examination that no change was made necessary in the Charter, but that Article III of the Constitution had to be changed. As amended this Article now reads:

"The Board of Publication shall consist of ten members elected by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America of whom five shall be elected at each biennial meeting of the Council to serve for a term of four years," etc.

It was determined by lot which of the members should serve for two years and which for four years. A reference to the English Minutes of the Council for 1903, page 212, will show the result of this casting of lots.

The volume of business has been steadily increasing as will be seen from the Treasurer's report.

During the past two years, the plates of the Kirchenbuch, large size, have been completed and the book has been issued.

The plates of the small size are nearing completion, and it is hoped that the new book will be ready for the coming holiday trade, if not by that time it will certainly be ready by Easter, 1906.

The six dozen copies of Sonntagschulbuch with music authorized by the General Council (English Minutes, p. 204), were sent to the Emigrant Mission at New York. Due acknowledgment was made by the Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Doering.

The "Twenty Propositions," entitled "Heads of Christian Doctrine," presented by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs were printed in pamphlet form in compliance with the action taken at the last Convention (Eng. Min., pp. 171, 172).

In compliance with the action taken at the Convention in Norristown (Eng. Min., p. 158) the Church Book Committee provided copy for such changes in the Church Book to make it more acceptable under governments other than the United States. A set of plates of both sizes containing the needed changes has been made and books can be provided at short notice.

In response to the request (English Minutes, page 196,) after correspondence with the President of the Pacific Synod, and on being assured that said Synod will hold itself responsible, a consignment of General Council literature was forwarded to the Rev. Mr. Leas, who has taken charge of the same.

The list of publications has been increased by the addition of a new book, entitled "A Summary of the Christian Faith." The author of this work is the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. The volume contains 649 pages, and will be used as a text-book in the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. It will readily find its way into other Theological Seminaries, and is a work that commends itself to ministers and laymen of the church alike.

In addition to the works of Dr. Seiss heretofore reported by the Board, special arrangeemnts have been made by which his last production, entitled "Recent Sermons," is also handled by the Board.

"The Music of the Responses" and "Season Vespers," by the Rev. L. D. Reed and Mr. H. G. Archer, also bear the imprint of the Publication House and are handled by your Board.

Arrangements have been entered into with the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., by which the Board publishes his work entitled "Questions and Answers of Luther's Small Catechism for use of the Church, School and Family."

A collection of Hymns, entitled "Carols of the Nativity," arranged by the Revs. C. M. Jacobs and Paul Z. Strodach, was published by the Board and has been favorably received.

The attention of the Board having been directed to the fact that the publishers of "Saatkoerner," a book of sermons on the Gospel lessons for the Church year by the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, were about to dispose of the plates to some outside party, it was deemed desirable that the same be purchased, if obtainable, at a reasonable price. The purchase was made, and when a new edition becomes necessary the book will bear the imprint of the Board.

The contract between Mrs. Harriet R. Spaeth and the Board for publishing the "Conservative Reformation" having expired in 1904, the same was renewed for the term of another five years.

"The Foreign Missionary," the English official organ of the Board of Foreign Missions, as well as "The Home Missionary," the quarterly issued by the English Home Mission Board, are being published through the agency of your Board, in compliance with the action of the Council taken in 1903.

It is also a pleasure to be able to state that agreement has been entered into with the Alumni Association of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, by which "The Lutheran Church Review," a magazine upholding the principles of the General Council, is published through the Board.

Besides these publications, the Catalogue of the Theological Seminary and the Minutes of this year's Convention of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania have been issued, and bear the Board's imprint.

Of the Sunday-school apparatus, in addition to that reported two years ago, the Board is publishing for the Primary Department, instead of the former "Primary Teacher," three separate publications, namely, "In Wonderland," for the Kindergarten Division; "In Workland," for the Children's Division; and "In Pictureland," for the Junior Division. These three teachers' publications are very highly appreciated by the Sunday-schools where the graded system has been introduced. It is, moreover, no more

than just to add that many more schools should subscribe for these periodicals in view of their high character as Sunday-school requisites, and in order to make them financially successful.

By an agreement, the Board of the Lutheran Publication Society, the Book Concern of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio, the United Synod of the South, and the Board of Publication of the General Council, combined in the issuing of "Biblical Picture Charts." The charts consist of 104 pictures, a two years' Standard Course covering the principal scenes in the Holy Scriptures. Each of the parties named pledged itself for a certain proportion of the edition, by which the cost was very materially reduced. These Charts are produced in the highest style of lithographic art and are without an equal in the market. The particular attention of Sunday-schools ought to be called to this excellent production.

Since the issuing of Charts was a joint arrangement, the Lutheran Publication Society has joined in publishing the teachers' quarterly for the same, namely, "In Pictureland." A similar arrangement has been effected in the production of "Sunrays."

The publishing of "Sunrays" in colors is also contemplated with the beginning of Advent, provided arrangements can be perfected in time.

For the Intermediate Department, "Bible Readings Quarterly" has been added. That there was a demand for this publication is shown by the large subscription list, the subscription for the second year having trebled in number.

"Sonnenstrahlen" being a translation of "Sunrays" into German has been added to the apparatus, and "Bibel Spruch und Lesebuch," a translation of "Bible Readings," is in course of production.

At the Convention held October, 1901, in Lima, Ohio (Eng. Min., p. 83), the Board of Publication was instructed to purchase from Mrs. F. W. Weiskotten, if possible to do so, the German Primary paper published by her. This has now been consummated, and the transfer of the paper will be made in time to take effect with the beginning of 1906.

An illustrated weekly Sunday-school paper, entitled "Young Folks," has now been published for a year and a half. In the issuing of this paper, the Publication Board of the General Synod

has united with the Publication Board of the General Council. The success which has attended the joint operation has been beyond all expectation, the combined circulation being upwards of 18,000. "Young Folks" is an eight-page, three columns to the page, paper, and the subscription price in quantity is only 45 cents per annum, less than a penny a week. This new publication should command a large list of subscribers. Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D., is the editor of the General Council edition, and the Board takes pleasure in recording its appreciation of and satisfaction with the excellent manner in which his work has been done.

The Augustana Book Concern, in order to conform in the issuing of Sunday-school material in the Swedish language with the General Council Graded System, was favored with electros at a nominal cost of all the cuts used in "Bible Story" and "Bible Geography." The former has already appeared and it will no doubt not be long before the latter publication will also be on the market for use in Swedish Sunday-schools.

The Board has also been supplying the Rev. N. S. Thorlaksson of the Icelandic Synod with a number of impressions of pictures contained in "Sunrays." These are furnished in blank, the text being added by the local printer.

In this connection the Board desires again to express and record its profound appreciation of the labor of love so freely, ably and fully rendered by the Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., Chairman of the Sunday-school Work Committee and his associates. The work that is done in this line by the worthy and gifted chairman is simply marvelous, and the Board fully understands the great weight and responsibility that are resting upon him, and recognizes the remarkable manner in which he is enabled to meet them. The sincere and heartfelt thanks of the entire Board are tendered to the Chairman and members of the Sunday-school Work Committee. May the Church rise to a proper appreciation of her blessed opportunity by the introduction and use in her schools of the Graded Sunday-school Series here furnished for the religious instruction of the young.

The Lutheran.

The official organ of the General Council has a list of subscribers scattered all over the country. A booklet, entitled "Why the Church Paper Should be in the Home," has been printed and

widely distributed. Pastors have been urged to use their best efforts to introduce and increase the list of subscribers, but all these efforts did not bring such results as could reasonably be expected. The paper is ably edited and highly spoken of even by those outside of the Lutheran Church, and there should be a large circulation. The Board has repeatedly discussed the advisability of employing a general canvasser, who should give his whole time to the work, but the expense involved thus far has been deemed beyond its reach. Much could be done if pastors and church councils would emphasize the power and influence exerted by the circulation of the paper in the families.

Treasurer's Report

From September 1, 1903, to August 31, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance August 31, 1903		$ 1,205 12	
Sale of English Publications	$36,039 06		
German Publications	14,142 39		
S. S. Literature	48,505 31		
The Lutheran	21,463 57		
Church Review	1,220 75		
Foreign Missionary	1,076 12		
Home Missionary	79 40		
Other Sales	12,747 61		
		135,274 21	
Interest on Bank balances		122 83	
Amount drawn from Sinking Fund		7,000 00	
			$143,602 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paper	$ 13,009 06
Printing	41,346 41
Binding	17,779 49
Plates and Cuts	2,080 75
Merchandise purchases	10,636 83
Postage and Express	7,393 75
Mortgage and Interest	15,600 50
Salaries	16,266 53
Sinking Fund	4,800 00
Expenses for writers, editor, clerk hire, proof reading, etc., S. S. Work Committee	3,677 36
Editorial Expenses, Lutheran	5,002 37
Other Editorial Expenses	241 44
Stationery and Printing	1,535 78
Advertising	412 54
Taxes and Water Rent	701 50
Insurance	397 18
Treasurer's Surety Bond	15 00
Furniture	99 00
Telephone Service	193 06
Fuel	262 75

Gas	146 20	
Repairs	150 06	
Miscellaneous, including Wrapping Paper, Twine, Packing Boxes, etc.	611 91	
		142,359 47
Leaving a balance of		$ 1,242 69

Sinking Fund.

Amount on hand August 31, 1903	$7,516 87	
Amount transferred from General Account	4,800 00	
Accrued Interest	207 93	
		$12,524 80
Less amount used towards payment of Mortgage		7,000 00
Leaving amount in Sinking Fund, August 31, 1905		$ 5,524 80

Summary.

Cash balance in General Account	$1,242 69
Cash balance in Sinking Fund	5,524 80
Total cash	$6,767 49

SAMUEL P. SADTLER, *Treasurer.*

August 31, 1905.

Philadelphia, September 26, 1905.

We, the undersigned, Finance Committee of the Board, have examined and audited the account of the Treasurer and the corresponding account of the Business Manager for the biennium ending August 31, 1905, both as to items of charge and discharge, and find the same correct.

WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER,
JAMES N. MOHR,
G. E. SCHLEGELMILCH,
Finance Committee.

In order to represent the earnings since August 31, 1903, $8,000 used in the extinguishment of the mortgage and $4,800 transferred to the Sinking Fund should be added to the difference of the balance now reported and that of August 31, 1903, namely, $37.57, making a total of $12,837.57. For the purpose of comparison between the past biennium and the one preceding, the cost of plates, $2,080.75, should be added, showing a total of $14,918.32. This is a gain of $4,232.82.

The estimated valuation of the property of the Board is as follows:

Real Estate and Furniture	$25,000 00
Sinking Fund	5,524 80
Stock on hand	22,116 55
Electro Plates	8,000 00
Bills Receivable	13,556 65
Balance cash on hand	1,242 69
Total	$74,940 69

The Graded System for Sunday-school instruction, prepared by the Sunday-school Work Committee, now embraces the following:

1. In Wonderland.
2. In Workland.
3. In Pictureland.
4. Sunbeams, Kindergarten Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
5. Sunshine, Children's Division, semi-monthly, illustrated.
6. Sunrays, Junior Division, quarterly, illustrated.
7. Picture Charts.
8. Wall Charts of the Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
9. Bible Story, bound form for teachers.
10. Bible Story, bound form for scholars.
11. Bible Story, quarterly form for teachers.
12. Bible Story, quarterly form for scholars.
13. Bible Readings.
14. Bible History, bound form.
15. Bible History, quarterly form. Separate bound book for teachers.
16. Bible Geography, quarterly form.
17. Bible Geography, bound form.
18. Bible Biography, quarterly form.
19. Bible Biography, bound form.
20. Bible Teachings, bound form.
21. Bible Teachings, quarterly form.
22. Bible Literature, bound form.
23. Bible Literature, quarterly form.
24. Teacher's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
25. Scholar's Scripture Lesson Quarterly.
26. Pocket Lesson Leaf Quarterly.
27. Lesson Commentary, bound form.
28. Sonnenstrahlen.
29. Biblische Erzaehlungen, bound form.
30. Sonntagschul-Lektionsblaetter, quarterly form.
31. Home Department Supplies.
32. List of Daily Scripture Lessons for Students and Bible Readers.

We would again urge all pastors, congregations and councils in the General Council to co-operate with us in our work. Since the Board is not furnished with any capital, nor is asking for direct contributions, it is obliged to depend largely upon the good will of the Council itself to enlarge its usefulness, and it therefore requests that pastors and congregations order their supplies through the General Council Publication House, and endeavor to introduce dealings on a cash basis.

The Board has the gratification to report that through strenuous efforts and strict economy it has been enabled to cancel the balance of the mortgage, $15,000, that rested on its property. However, beyond this, the Board has not been able to make any improvements in the property that are quite necessary. A working capital for the purpose of expanding the business should also gradually be accumulated, and it is to be hoped that the hearty co-operation of all the Synods and pastors will be accorded the Board in its efforts to place the important publication interests of the General Council on a substantial basis second to none in the Lutheran Church in this country.

Surely God has wrought great things for us, whereof we are glad.

In behalf of the Board, respectfully submitted,

S. A. ZIEGENFUSS.
Secretary.

The report was adopted, with the addition of the following, moved by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs:

Resolved, That the General Council had heard with great satisfaction the report of the Board of Publication, and expresses its gratification with the progress that has been made during the past biennium.

The committee to nominate the Board of Foreign Missions reported, and action was deferred. (See the Tenth Session.)

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, it was

Resolved, That the officers of the Board of Foreign Missions at the expiration of their term of office be authorized to discharge all official duties under the instructions of the Board previously given, until the reorganization of the Board after each Convention of the General Council.

The committees to nominate the Porto Rico Mission Board and the English Home Mission Board reported, and action was deferred. (See Tenth Session.)

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The "Theses on Marriage and Its Relation to Divorce," originally offered in 1899, and reprinted on page 218, Minutes, 1903, were now taken up, and with them the resolutions offered by Dr. Jacobs, and partially acted on, Minutes, 1903, page 21. The first four resolutions had been adopted, and with reference to the others, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Resolutions 5 and 6 be withdrawn.

The motion offered by the Rev. Dr. Horn in the Fifth Session, together with a preliminary recommendation, offered by the Rev. Dr. Spaeth, was then, after a general discussion, disposed of by a motion offered by the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, and almost unanimously adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Horn be added to the four resolutions on Marriage and Divorce adopted in 1903, and that the whole be considered as the deliverance of the General Council on Marriage and Divorce, and be printed as such.

ACTION ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The following is, therefore, the final deliverance of the General Council on Marriage and Divorce:

WHEREAS, The great and increasing disregard of the plain teaching of the Holy Scriptures concerning the nature of the marriage covenant, demands the serious consideration of all Christian people, their most earnest protests against all violations of God's Law, and their hearty co-operation in all measures that would remedy the evil,

Resolved, That we deem it the solemn duty of all pastors to instruct their congregations concerning the permanency of the marriage relation, and to warn against its violation or disparagement, as a crime against God that cannot be mitigated or apologized for by any of the defects of the civic laws or any lowering of the standard prescribed in God's Word on the part of the community around them, or those who may be regarded leaders of public opinion.

2. That this testimony shquld be given not only when some notorious violation of God's Law attracts general attention, but in frequent instructions and admonitions from the pulpit, even where no occasion for it seems to be immediately urgent; and especially with all fidelity and earnestness in the instruction of catechumens.

3. That we regard every pastor who performs a marriage ceremony as testifying, by that very act, that, so far as he has had opportunity of discovering, after earnest endeavors to ascertain the facts, said marriage is regular and in accordance with God's Word; and that it is our conviction, further, that in invoking God's blessing upon the union, he becomes participant in the guilt, if he be without reasonable assurance that both parties to the contract comply with the Divine requirements.

4. That we teach that the licenses, issued by the State, and compliance with every civil requirement, while indispensable, cannot of themselves be a guide to the conscience of either pastors or individual Christians; and the distinction between the standards that avail before man and before God, should never be forgotten. Nor can the State by its enactments and permission ever legitimate what the Word of God condemns.

5. That with reference to the question of the marriage of divorced persons, the General Council recommends to its District Synods to insist on the following uniform practice of all pastors, to wit: that pastors decline to marry any person who has a husband or wife living, unless such person shall have been divorced by due process of law from such husband or wife for the cause of adultery or wilful desertion; and in that case that pastors consent to marry only the innocent party to such divorce, and then not until the expiration of a year after the divorce shall have been granted.

On motion of the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, it was

Resolved, That a printed copy of these resolutions be sent to "the National Conference on the Subject of Divorce" to meet in Washington, D. C., in February, 1906.

The Theses on Marriage and Divorce were thus disposed of.

RECEPTION OF OFFICIAL VISITORS.

The Rev. Bjorn B. Jonsson, of Minneota, Minn., the official visitor of the Icelandic Synod, was then heard on behalf of his Synod, and his words of cordial greeting were responded to by President Schmauk.

The Rev. Friederich Richter, D.D., President of the Iowa Synod, and editor of the *Kirchenblatt,* presented the greetings of his Synod in the German language, which were reproduced in English and cordially reciprocated by President Schmauk.

SLOVAK MISSION WORK.

The Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Ministerium's Committee on Slovak Mission Work, addressed the Council on this subject.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to propose action on the mission work aomng the Slovaks.

Committee: The Revs. Edmund Belfour, D.D., M. C. Ranseen, D.D., W. M. Rehrig, Ph. D., L. Lindenstruth and D. M. Kemerer, and Mr. F. D. Bittner.

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The Rev. Dr. Dickenson, of St. Paul, the Agent of the American Bible Society, presented the Bible cause to the Council.

The President appointed the following additional Nominating Committees:

For the Church Book Committee—The Rev. Drs. Horine, Peters and Nicum, and the Revs. H. A. Weller and J. Stump.

For the Sunday-school Work Committee—The Revs. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., Luther Hogshead, G. A. Andreen, Ph.D., A. J. D. Haupt and G. A. Benze.

For the Committee on Practical Co-operation—The Revs. F. W. Oswald, H. H. Bruning, D.D., E. F. Pihlblad, F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., and G. Drach.

For the Board of Publication—The Rev. Drs. F. A. Kaehler, O. P. Smith, Hon. C. R. Lantz and R. Wenrich, M.D.

J. Boyd Duff, Esq., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION.

The Commission on Practical Co-operation between the General Bodies met in the Chapel of Zion's Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa., June 7th, 1905. The General Synod members present were the Rev. Drs. Kuhlman, Dunbar, and Hay, and from the General Council the Rev. Drs. Schmauk and Ohl. The latter was appointed by the President of the General Council to take the place of the Rev. Dr. Geissinger, who asked to be relieved on account of physical disability.

In the report of the Commission made in 1903 it was said, that, "inasmuch as the practical work of the Lutheran Church in North America in the sphere of Foreign and Home Missions, of Theological, Collegiate and Parish Education, is carried on by means of a series of parallel Boards, whose operations are largely on common territory and along similar lines; and inasmuch as the General Bodies have declared the policy of co-operation without sacrifice of principles or interference with synodical identity as practicable," this Commission was appointed to consider and inquire into the whole subject and report on the same.

Prior to the meeting of the Commission in Harrisburg letters of inquiry were addressed to the various Boards and institutions to learn to what extent they had complied with the recommenda-

tions made by the Commission in 1903. The answers received enable the Commission to report as follows:

1. Since 1896, when they held their first Conference in Philadelphia, there has been practical and harmonious co-operation between the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States. Five other Conferences have followed the first. The different Motherhouses are in close agreement on the general principles underlying the deaconess work, and have come to an understanding and to uniformity of action in many practical details. The Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Omaha Motherhouses also belong to the General Conference which meets at Kaiserswerth every three years.

2. In reference to the work of Foreign Missions it was learned that the relations between the Boards of the two General Bodies are of the most friendly character; that there are no difficuties to remove, no misunderstandings to adjust; that our missionaries in India are in frequent communication; and that the General Synod and General Council men are united with the missionaries of other Lutheran bodies laboring on the same territory in the same missionary conference, and frequently consult together. It was further learned that the missionaries coming to our respective fields are examined by a joint board of examiners, and that efforts are being made to create a common Lutheran literature to be used in the religious instruction of the schools.

3. During the past two years the Boards of Publication of the General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod, the Joint Synod of Ohio, and the chairman of the General Council Sunday-School Work Committee, have conferred, and as a result these Boards have together published Picture Charts for use in the Sunday and Parochial Schools of the several bodies represented by said Boards. Furthermore, as the result of conference between the Board of Publication of the General Synod and the Board of Publication of the General Council, a weekly paper for the larger scholars of our Sunday-schools is published, bearing the name of "Lutheran Young People" in the General Synod, and of "Young Folks" in the General Council; also a quarterly known as "Pictureland," and a weekly for little children, entitled "Sunrays."

4. Nothing was done by the Home Mission Boards to carry out the recommendations of the Commission, though locally some

steps were taken by conferences and committees to come to a better understanding regarding territory to be occupied.

5. The Commission likewise regrets to say that the faculties of our colleges and theological seminaries have held no joint meetings. Distance and expense seem to be the barriers.

Recommendations.

a. The Commission, aware of the fact that the injudicious planting of General Synod and General Council churches in close proximity often leads to unpleasant complications, strongly recommends that the two Boards of Home Missions in every part of their territory come to such an agreement regarding the fields to be occupied as will lead to an avoidance of friction and contention, and that both Boards take such steps as will insure compliance with the rules and regulations that may be formulated regarding the matter.

b. The Commission is strongly of the conviction that the cause of Lutheran education would be greatly advanced by annual, or at least biennial, conferences of the faculties of our colleges and theological seminaries. The times and numerous questions of the day demand not only men of the best sanctified scholarship in the pulpit, but an intelligent laity as well, whose sound principles, high ideals, and strong character grounded on the precepts of the Divine Word, will make it a power for good in Church and State. Such joint meetings of the different faculties would, in our judgment, be very valuable for better acquaintance with each other and each other's work, for mutual advancement of standard, for working out some common features, for strengthening general Lutheran education, for working toward some plan of religious instruction best adapted to Lutheran colleges, and for unifying all our educational interests. We recommend once more, therefore, that at least the colleges and seminaries in contiguous territory take steps to meet in consultation as often as is deemed desirable.

c. The Commission also discussed the importance of and the growing interest in Inner Missions as differentiated from Home Missions. It felt that, in addition to the work done by our Deaconess Motherhouses, there are other great fields of practical Christianity comprehended under the general title of Inner Missions which our Church in America has hardly entertained or

even knows, but in which co-operation would be most easy and fruitful. The Commission proposes to give this subject further consideration, and recommends that meanwhile it be taken up for discussion in Synods, Conferences, Missionary Societies, and Pastoral and other associations.

J. F. Ohl,
H. E. Jacobs,
T. E. Schmauk,
J. Boyd Duff,
Wm. Hengerer.

The Report was received and laid over until the next Session.

Adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, of Philadelphia.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17, 9 A. M.

The Matin Service was conducted by the Rev. Hermann A. W. Yung, of Seattle, Washington.

Owing to the absence, through illness, of the President, the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., the Second Vice-President, occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the Seventh Session were read and approved.

Action on the Report on Practical Co-operation was deferred until the Report of the Committee on Conference with General Bodies comes up.

The Rev. G. Doering, Emigrant Missionary, presented the following Reports, which were received, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE EMIGRANT MISSIONARY.

(For the period of two years ending with June 30, 1905.)

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Since your Missionary rendered his last report, two years ago, great changes have taken place in the home of our Emigrant Mission—not in the Mission itself. As heretofore we have tried

to do our duty in every branch of our work, but nevertheless there are shortcomings of your servant of which he himself is well aware and for which he humbly asks the kind forbearance of the venerable General Council.

The changes referred to were brought about through the visitation of the Lord on the one hand and through His bounteous mercy on the other. Our home, around which centers the whole work of our Mission, was in the latter part of June, 1904, the scene of great sorrow, caused by the unexpected departure of the faithful helpmate of the Missionary and his two oldest children.

On the other hand the Lord showed us great mercies by giving us a beautiful new home, No. 4 State street, New York City, which promises to become a great help in carrying on our Mission more vigorously and more successfully than ever before. As the Church has learned through the various religious papers, our new Emigrant House is in every respect what a man, who is used to a good, commodious, and nice home, may expect. To tell this venerable body of the vast amount of special work, of the burden of care and worriment, of the personal anxiety and responsibility which the erection and furnishing of a house like ours causes, would be too great a taxation of the patience of the honored members of the General Council. Let us rather praise the name of the Lord, who during all the time from the day we laid the corner-stone (October 23, 1904,) to the day of dedication (September 24, 1905,) granted us His assistance and protection, that not a single accident happened. Our new home contains ample space for 120 guests. It is six stories high, is fireproof throughout, and is furnished with all modern improvements. All its 38 rooms are light, well ventilated, heated with steam, and lighted with gas and electricity. Many of the furnishings are the gifts of individuals and congregations. Yet there is ample opportunity still for everyone to lend us a helping hand. The house costs about $78,000 to build and about $5,000 to furnish. A debt of $57,000 is resting on our shoulders, too heavy for us, if we are to carry it alone.

The jewel of our Emigrant House is the chapel with a seating capacity for 120 persons. Beautifully furnished with everything that belongs to a church-building—even the baptismal font has found a place in it—our chapel is a true sanctum, where, morn-

ings and evenings, devotional exercises ("Hausandachten" we call them) are held, and where every Sunday the Word of God is preached to all who love to hear it.

According to the report of the Emigrant House our Mission has harbored 10,073 immigrants during the past two years, over 3,000 of whom have been our beneficiaries either as hungry boarders or as weary wanderers and penniless strangers.

The work of your Missionary during the last biennium has been practically the same as in former years. In connection with it 8,827 letters and postals and over 1,000 telegrams were received and answered, and over 4,000 circulars, propagating the aim and principle of our Mission, were sent out with gratifying results. Obedient to his call your Missionary received the immigrants immediately upon their arrival on Ellis Island, greeted them in the name of our dear Lutheran Church, distributed Christian literature among all, rendered assistance to the poor and suffering ones, lodging, protecting, and entertaining most of them in our Mission-house. As far as possible our pilgrims were given direction for the journey to their place of destination, or were assisted in finding suitable positions in New York City or vicinity; spiritual advice was administered to all the Missionary came in contact with, privately as well as in our daily chapel services. On leaving our Mission-house, those of our faith were introduced and recommended to the pastors of our Church at the place of their destination or the nearest to it.

In this way, your humble servant believes, the Emigrant Mission has done a noble and blessed work among our German-speaking Lutherans who came to our American shores. All who took refuge in our Emigrant House have derived great benefits through the agency of our Mission—the poor by receiving assistance in their distress, those provided with means by being protected from being swindled and robbed of what they had in their possession. How many have been benefited spiritually only the Lord knows.

As often as the Missionary was invited to present his Mission to congregations he did so gladly. He had occasion to speak in about 30 churches of the New York Ministerium, and in seven open-air meetings or Mission festivals. He also laid his work before the Ministerium of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and Lan-

caster, Pa., and the German Iowa Synod at Dubuque, Ia. So far any attempt on the part of your servant to gain entrance to churches outside of the New York Ministerium in order to plead for the cause he represents has been in vain. Should we not bear in mind that the Immigrant Mission in New York is a Mission of the General Council, and as such entitled not only to the moral but also to the material support of all its congregations, especially the Germans? The report of our Treasurer shows that our Mission is in great need of help. We most urgently appeal to the Church at large for speedy and liberal support.

The Missionary gratefully acknowledges the receipt of six dozen of the "Sonntagschulbuch mit Noten" from the Board of Publication for use in our chapel. In the further interest of the Emigrant Mission we would kindly ask the venerable Council:

1. To be favored with as many copies of the "Lutherischer Kalender" for 1906 and 1907, for distribution among the emigrants, as the Board of Publication may be able to spare.

2. That the Board be empowered to reserve for our Mission a special number of sheets of the geographical list of our pastors, which we could place in the hands of our immigrants.

And now we pray that God may further guide, protect, and assist our Mission for the welfare of the pilgrims entrusted to our care and for the glorification of His own holy name!

Respectfully submitted,

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 13, 1905. G. DOERING.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION BOARD OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

For the two years from July 1, 1903, to July 1, 1905.

July 1, 1903, Balance in treasury for Immigrant Mission.	$ 1 46	
Balance in treasury for poor immigrants	122 02	
		$ 123 48

RECEIPTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Donations received from Synods, congregations, Sunday-schools, societies, etc.	$1,414 02

RECEIPTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

Donations as above	654 83	
		2,068 85
Total		$2,192 33

DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT MISSION.

Salary of the missionary, Rev. G. Doering	$ 999 84	
To Mrs. Herm. J. Berkemeier	360 00	
To the Immigrant Mission, Bremen	100 00	
Traveling expenses of the missionary	83 35	
Miscellaneous: Books, printing, etc.	14 58	
		$1,557 77

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR IMMIGRANTS.

287 cases of assistance to poor immigrants	$ 550 41	
1,055 meals to poor immigrants	140 66	
		691 07
		$2,248 84
July 1, 1905, deficit in treasury for Immigrant Mission	$ 142 29	
Balance in treasury for poor immigrants	85 78	
Deficit		56 51
Total		$2,192 33

FRIEDERICH KRACKE, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1, 1905.
Examined and found correct.

PETER H. REPPENHAGEN,
HERMANN LANGE.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Nicum, it was

Resolved, That the General Council call the attention of its District Synods to this report of the Immigrant Mission, and to the needs of the institution, and asks their hearty assistance.

The Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

Since the last convention of the General Council two meetings of the General Conference of Deaconess Motherhouses in the United States were held, one in Philadelphia, April 26-28, 1904, where three Motherhouses were represented, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Baltimore; the other in Milwaukee, October 9-11, 1905, with representatives from Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Omaha, Chicago, St. Paul, and Brush, Col. As on former occasions, these meetings proved highly instructive and profitable to the friends and representatives of this cause in our country, particularly through the discussion of the principles and methods of this work, the difficulties and obstacles it has to overcome, and the ways and means for its advancement in our coun-

try. Besides the consideration of a number of practical questions, the following subjects were treated in carefully prepared papers: The Internal Management of the Deaconess Motherhouse; The Fundamental Principles of the Deaconess Motherhouse Connected with the Kaiserswerth General Conference; What the Female Diaconate Owes to Germany; The Motherhouse Versus Free Association; The Foundations of the Motherhouse; Lessons for Our Work from the Female Diaconate of the Early Church; Converted Sisters; The Duty of the Church Toward the Cause of the Deaconesses; How Are More Deaconesses to Be Gained? The Education of Deaconesses.

The Proceedings of these Conferences, with the papers presented and discussed, are published, and copies can be obtained from the Secretaries, Rev. Carl Goedel, Philadelphia, Pa., and Rev. Hermann Fritschel, Milwaukee, Wis.

The statistics of the work in our country, as far as they could be ascertained at the last meeting of the General Conference, are as follows: There are at present nine Lutheran Motherhouses in existence or in process of organization: Philadelphia (German), Milwaukee (German-English), Omaha (Swedish), Minneapolis (Norwegian), Baltimore (English), Brooklyn (Norwegian), Chicago (Norwegian), St. Paul (Swedish), Brush, Col., (Danish).

The number of Deaconesses is 131, Probationers 112, together 243 Deaconesses and Probationers, with 53 candidates that are in course of training in our different Motherhouses. Not counting in the latter, there is consequently an increase, since the last meeting of the General Council, of only four Deaconesses and nineteen Probationers, a clear testimony, that the earnest words of admonition and recommendation with which our President referred to this cause in his report are very much needed to stir up our people to a higher appreciation of and a heartier cooperation in this great work to which our Church has been called by her Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. Spaeth, S. P. A. Lindahl,
C. A. Evald.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report on Deaconess Work be received and entered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE ROSTOCK CONFERENCE.

The undersigned had the honor of representing this body as its delegate at the eleventh convention of the "General Evangelical Lutheran Conference" held in the City of Rostock, Mecklenburg, Germany, from September 25th to 28th, 1904. A direct application to the General Director of the Hamburg-American S. S. Line, Dr. von Ballin, which was kindly endorsed by the President of th Conference, Count Vizthum, D.D., secured for your delegate free transportation from New York to Hamburg and back, thus reducing the expense for the General Council's treasury to a comparatively small item.

The Conference was one of the most numerously attended that has ever been held, about twelve hundred active members being recorded as participants. The Scandinavian countries, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, were strongly represented by some seventy delegates. Besides these and the Germans, who, of course, were in the majority, Finland, Russia, Holland, France, Switzerland, and Austria-Hungary had sent delegates. It was, in every way, a representative gathering of Lutherans from all parts of the world, a truly international Lutheran Conference. The reception accorded to the members of the Conference on the part of the authorities of State and Church in Mecklenburg, and of the City of Rostock, was most cordial. Crowded audiences attended all the meetings, and the only disadvantage was, that there was actually no hall large enough to hold the multitudes that assembled eager to listen to the speakers. The following subjects were presented and discussed in the public meetings: "The Lutheran Confession in Our Secular Calling," address by Rev. Oelkers, of Hannover; "Is the Lutheran Confession Suited to the Twentieth Century?" paper and theses by Dr. Kaftan, of Kiel; "What Can Be Done to Make the State Church Truly the Church of the People?" paper and theses by Rev. Seidel, of Lichtenstein, Saxony; "The International Character of the Lutheran Confession," address by the delegate of the General Council; "The Anti-Roman Character of the Lutheran Confession," address by Rector Bezzel, of the Neuen Dettelsau Deaconess Institution; "Religious Instruction in Higher Institutions of Learning," paper and theses by Prof. Boekh, of Augsburg; "The Importance of Prayer Under the Present Condition of the Evangelical Lutheran

Church," paper and theses by Bishop Ullman, of Strengnas, Sweden. One day was almost exclusively devoted to the meetings of special conferences on different subjects, such as Foreign Missions, Inner Missions, Jewish Missions, Emigrant Missions, the Lutheran Press, International Relations, etc. These special conferences were, in fact, meetings of the standing committees on these particular subjects. But they were open to all, with perfect freedom to take part in the discussion of carefully prepared papers which were read by men appointed for the purpose. As many of these highly interesting and instructive meetings were held at the same hours, it was impossible to attend all that would have been of special interest to your delegate. He had to confine himself chiefly to the Committee on Foreign Relations, where his presence had been particularly urged by Bishop von Scheele. There the desirability and possibility of holding the next regular meeting of this General International Conference on American ground was fully discussed, and the understanding was unanimously reached, that, if the way should be paved for it by the necessary preparations on the part of the Lutherans in America, and a formal invitation should be extended, the committee would heartily recommend the acceptance of such an invitation.

Before embarking in Hamburg for New York I waited on the Senior of the Hamburg Ministerium, Rev. Dr. Behrmann, and had an extended conference with him on the interests of our Immigrant Mission and the necessary co-operation of the Church authorities in Hamburg.

It is with feelings of pleasure and gratitude that I look back to that great gathering of Lutherans from all lands, where I had the pleasure of representing our General Council. I rejoice in the rich treasures of solid intellectual and spiritual food, the impulses given, the new vistas opened in the discussion of the important subjects that engaged the attention of the Conference; and above all, at the interest, shown on all sides, in our American Lutheranism, especially as represented in the General Council. There were ample evidences everywhere of the growing appreciation of the great future which, in the providence of God, is in store for our beloved Lutheran Zion in this great Western country, and of the urgent necessity of a good understanding and a hearty co-operation on both sides of the Atlantic.

Respectfully submitted, A. Spaeth.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE LUTHERAN GENERAL CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

At the last convention of the General Council it was resolved "That the General Council deems it highly desirable that one of the meetings of the Lutheran General Conference in the near future, possibly in the year 1907, be held in America, making it a truly International Conference of Lutherans from the whole world." Also, "That, in order to bring about such an International Conference in this country, the General Council's committee be empowered to invite the co-operation of prominent Lutherans from other bodies, thus forming, for this particular purpose, a larger Executive Committee, which would make the necessary preparations for such a gathering and assume all financial responsibilities." (Minutes of Twenty-Ninth Convention, p. 180.) Moreover, the delegate of this body to the Lutheran General Conference, held in Rostock, September, 1904, was charged "to bear our salutations to the brethren in Europe, to assure them of our earnest desire that, if possible, their next meeting should be held in America, and to secure the attendance of prominent representative Lutherans from Europe."

Your committee, which by the action of the General Council in Norristown was raised to the position of a standing committee, earnestly endeavored to carry out these instructions, during the past years. After some preliminary consultation and correspondence, an invitation was issued to a number of representative men to meet in Philadelphia for the consideration of a plan looking to the realization of the desired object. In pursuance of this call, a number of gentlemen met in Philadelphia, in January, 1904, and resolved to organize a General Executive Committee which should have full authority to make the necessary arrangements for bringing the General Lutheran Conference to this country in 1907. The following officers were elected: President, William H. Staake, Esq.; Secretary, M. W. Hamma, D.D.; Foreign Corresponding Secretary, Dr. A. Spaeth; Treasurer, Hon. Chas. A. Schieren. Over fifty prominent Lutherans from all parts of our Church in America were invited to serve on this committee, on the basis of the General Lutheran Conference, which demands the acceptance of the Confessions of the Lutheran Church as the rule for all its transactions.

Circulars were issued in English and German, setting forth the reasons why such an International Lutheran Conference should meet with sympathetic interest and hearty co-operation on the part of every true Lutheran in America. It was pointed out, how, through such an Internationl Conference, the bonds of our common faith in the pure Word and Sacraments would be strengthened; the interest in our common work, which already unites especially the German and Scandinavian Churches with the Lutherans in America in the field of Immigrant Missions and of the Diaconate of mercy, would be deepened and widened; in the sphere of Foreign Missions and Inner Missions the experience of our European Lutheran Churches would be found most helpful to the mission workers on this side of the Atlantic; a personal acquaintance with the development and present condition of our Lutheran Free Church in America would be a revelation and encouragement to European Lutherans under the growing difficulties and embarrassments of the State Church in Europe.

In order to secure a financial basis for the whole undertaking, the Treasurer of the General Executive Committee, Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, took steps to obtain a guarantee fund of $10,000, to which about $7,000 have been subscribed.

The plan for such an International Conference has, thus far, met with the most enthusiastic response on the part of General Synod Lutherans. There have been voices of sympathy and encouragement from the United Synod of the South; the Augustana Synod and the Ministerium of New York have officially declared themselves in its favor, but the Lutherans of the large Synods of the West have stood aloof, and within the General Council itself, apart from the above-mentioned bodies, there has been considerable indifference to the whole movement, and serious questions have been raised as to the expediency of holding a meeting of the International Conference in America at this time.

Your committee was also instructed to "apply to the proper authorities in Europe with a view of securing suitable pastors for the Slavonic Lutheran congregations now being organized on the territory of the General Council" (Minutes of Twenty-ninth Convention, p. 205).

This was attended to by correspondence with the proper authorities through the officers of the General Conference and by per-

sonal report of your delegate to the Conference in Rostock, but without any practical results.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

A. Spaetii,
Samuel Laird.

The Report was received, and consideration of it postponed (See Ninth Session).

Rev. Dr. Jacobs presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL BODIES.

This Committee was appointed by resolution of the General Council at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1893, in response to a memorial of the General Synod asking for a Conference on Practical Co-operation. It was upon the report of this committee at Easton, Pa., in 1895, that this Body entered into an agreement with other Lutheran Bodies represented in the Joint Committee concerning non-interference with each others' work in Home Missions, the establishment of a Committee of Arbitration, and the holding of General Conferences. The rules adopted concerning non-interference were educational in their tendency, and while they did not prevent all cases of friction, nevertheless asserted principles that have promoted the peace of the Church. As the chief means for further accomplishing this purpose, the Committee proposed the General Conferences, whose influence has been decided, but, nevertheless, gradual, in advancing that unity of faith and doctrine and spirit, through which alone all true co-operation can be attained. For some meetings of the General Council, there has, therefore, been no report of progress to make; and it almost seemed as though the work of this Committee were over.

Meanwhile the importance of co-operation in publications and especially in Sunday-school work led this Body in 1901, without discharging the former Committee, to appoint another, entitled "Committee on Co-operation with the General Synod."

While it has seemed to this Committee, that the confusion would probably be best remedied by discharging it, and assigning its duties to the more recent committee, a special request has come

from the General Synod for a revival of the activity of the older committee, which is part of a Joint Committee of the three General Bodies. In the Minutes of the General Synod for 1905, we find two items referring to this Committee, and rendering an early meeting of the Joint Committee important. P. 28, "The continuance of the Committee is recommended especially by reason of the fact that the Board of Home Missions must in the near future enlarge the scope of its operations, extending our mission work especially into the great Northwest, where hundreds of thousands of unchurched Lutherans are rapidly becoming anglicized, constituting a field so vast as to tax the resources of all the branches of the Church in this country."

P. 48. A protest of the California Conference of the Augustana Synod concerning an English-Swedish General Synod Church in San Francisco, was referred to this Committee.

The question is agitated as to whether the rules covering non-interference, adopted in 1895, are not susceptible of amendment, in view of new conditions, and of the experience of the two Bodies in trying to enforce these rules during the last ten years.

It seems, therefore, that the Joint Commission which formulated them, should be the Committee, to which any amendments or interpretations should be referred.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Jacobs, J. C. Kunzmann,
S. A. Repass, L. G. Abrahamson.

On motion, the Report was received, and entered on the Minutes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the Committee on Conference with the General Bodies and the Committee on Practical Co-operation with the General Synod be combined.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth,

Resolved, That the item in the above report requiring action be referred to the new committee.

ACTION ON REPORT ON PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION.

The Report of the Commission on Practical Co-operation between General Bodies, laid over at the Seventh Session, was then taken up for action.

On motion,

Resolved, That Recommendation (a) be approved, and referred to the Committee on Conference and Practical Co-operation.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs,

Resolved, That inasmuch as this item is covered by other action taken, Recommendation (b) be laid on the table.

With these changes the Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Jacobs then presented his Report on General Conference.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The representative of the General Council to arrange for a General Conference with other Lutheran Bodies, in presenting the following report, deems it important to recall the circumstances under which these Conferences originated, and to review what they have accomplished.

They are the outgrowth of a memorial presented to the General Council, at Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1893, by the General Synod, in which provision for "a Conference of Committees to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of practical co-operation," was asked for. The answer given by this Body to said memorial was:

"The General Council hails with the greatest satisfaction any movement, which will tend to bring together all who bear the Lutheran name in this country, in a closer bond of true unity. We cordially reciprocate the desire expressed by the General Synod to cultivate fraternal relations between all the sundered parts of our beloved church, and rejoice in any evidences which may be furnished of their drawing nearer together and forming a sincere, and real union.

"We believe, however, that practical co-operation in Church work is founded upon and must spring out of 'unity in doctrine and faith and in the sacraments.' It is acknowledged in the

overture of the Genteral Synod that 'the Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other.' This unhappy condition of affairs is greatly to be deplored, and has been brought about by a difference of views as to what the faith of our Church is, and as to the character of the subscription which is to be made to the Church's Confession. It seems to us that the proper way to endeavor to effect a change so as to be able to come together, and carry on all the practical works of the Church in the most successful manner, would be to provide for conferences, in which we could compare views in regard to the light of God's Word, so that we may come to the same understanding of the truth. . . Nevertheless, we are ready and willing to hear and consult with the representatives of the General Synod as to the meaning and object of the proposal now made. . . It is recommended, therefore:

1. That a committee of five be appointed to meet similar committees from the General Synod and any other General Lutheran Bodies which may join in the movement, for the purpose expressed in the overture laid before us.

2. That this committee shall have no power or authority whatever, to bind the General Council in any respect, and that it is invested with only conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Council the results which may be reached.

3. That the committee be charged in all its consultations to act in strict accordance with the 'Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Polity,' laid down in the Constitution of this Body, and in no respect to depart therefrom."

Two years later, at the meeting of the General Council at Easton, in 1895, the committee appointed according to above action, with other recommendations, proposed, and the General Council resolved,

"That this Council heartily approves and recommends the holding of a General Conference within the year 1896, whereby, in an unofficial way, there may be a reading of papers and a comparison of views by members, if possible, of all our General Bodies, and larger independent Synods, upon the various doctrinal, liturgical, educational and missionary interests (including that of Deaconesses), in which all are alike engaged."

As this proposition had to be submitted to other Lutheran Bodies, it was found that the year 1896 was too early a date for the holding of the proposed conference. The United Norwegian Synod declined the invitation upon the ground that the questions that most interested the Western Synods were different from those which agitated the Lutheran Church in the East.

As the actual impulse for the conference was the desire to bring the General Council and General Synod into closer relations, the end of the proposal was actually reached when in December, 1898, the First General Lutheran Conference convening for two days in Philadelphia, brought together representatives from these two Bodies, and from the United Synod of the South, which is closely related to both Bodies.

A second conference was held in Philadelphia in April, 1902, and the third, of which we will more specifically report, at Pittsburgh in April, 1904.

The three representatives of the three General Bodies concerned, holding themselves responsible to their Bodies for the conduct of the proceedings, have made and enforced all the Rules and Regulations, and successively presided at the meetings of the conferences. The term, "Free Conference," sometimes applied to these meetings, has been an entire misnomer. It has never been intended that they should be "Free Conferences."

The discussions in all these Conferences have covered a great variety of subjects. The papers read have occupied a very large proportion of the time. The chief criticisms have been, first, that too little time has been left for the discussion of the papers, and, secondly, that there has been a studied avoidance of points of controversy. But when it is remembered that the object of the conferences has not been to effect an immediate union, but to promote unity, and that this can be attained only by the patient hearing of those from whom we have been sundered, and by the opportunity, in turn, afforded us by a similar hearing, it can be understood that this preparatory work requires years.

All those most closely conversant with the facts in the case, must concede that the General Conferences thus far held have been productive of much good. They have enabled the pastors and people of the three General Bodies to know each other more intimately, and to have greater patience in judging one another.

They have contributed to a wider and deeper acquaintance with Lutheran faith and doctrine and worship and practice, a constantly increasing study of Lutheran doctrine, and a higher appreciation of the Lutheran Confessions.

They have removed many incorrect impressions and prejudices. In the opinion of your representative, it would be a great misfortune to all concerned if the work would be diverted from the lines upon which, thus far, it has been successfully pursued, into another direction.

The third General Conference, at Pittsburgh, for three days in the beginning of April, 1904, was more largely attended than any preceding conference. Thus far, the attendance and interest has grown at every meeting. Over 200 ministers were present.

Your representative, in helping to arrange the program, was unable to secure the discussion of the "Twenty Propositions," offered by this Body for that purpose. The failure was due principally to the delay in putting them into print, the arrangements for the conference being completed before they were ready in pamphlet form. Upon motion of the late Rev. Dr. E. J. Wolf, the President of the General Synod, they were commended to the next conference. Possibly, however, as time advances the sensitiveness which prompted in 1895 the discreet resolution of the Committee on Co-operation, "that recognizing the terms of our appointment, the committee are not competent to enter upon the discussion of alleged differences between the doctrinal basis of the General Synod and General Council," may have largely disappeared, and the time be at hand when no such limitations be placed by any of the Bodies represented upon the discussions.

It is well, therefore, not to define too minutely the terms beforehand, but to give to your representative as much discretion as is possible in making the arrangements.

It was proposed in the Conference, and the motion prevailed, that, as at the beginning of the movement, so now again, a wider range be given the meetings, and that other Lutheran Bodies be invited to unite with us. As the Conference, however, as at present constituted, is a joint creature of the three General Bodies, such provision ought to pass each of these Bodies before invitations to other organizations could be sent out, and then, again, a meeting could not be held until answers had been given. As the

first General Conference, although proposed by the General Council in 1895, could not be held until 1898, so after all three Bodies have agreed to give the invitation, some years must elapse until it could be effected. The General Synod has taken no action on this proposal, and it will not meet again until 1907. Besides the proposal is bound to involve complications in connection with the provision for meeting the expenses of the essayists.

Under these circumstances, your representative is of the opinion that no attempt should be made to interrupt the good work which is being accomplished by the conference as now constituted. Its chief purpose is the removal of the misunderstandings which separated the Church in 1864 and 1867, and the promotion of unity by the discussion of the doctrines of the Augsburg Confession, which all profess to receive.

But if it should be the wish of the General Council to confer with other General Bodies or independent Synods, provision for this could also be made. After a time, it might then be possible for the two conferences to coalesce.

As both the United Synod South, at its meeting at New Market, Va., July, 1904, and the General Synod, at its meeting in Pittsburgh, June, 1905, passed resolutions commending the conference, asking for another such meeting, and appointing committees for this purpose, we recommend:

1. That we unite again in such Conference with the abovementioned Bodies, and appoint a representative on Committee of Arrangements, as well as Committee of Laymen to provide for our part of the expenses.

2. That as the United Synod South makes the special request that such meeting "be held in one of the Eastern cities, preferably Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York or Pittsburgh," our representative be allowed to use his discretion in the matter, in consultation with other members of the Committee.

3. That a Committee be appointed to consider as to whether it be not possible to hold a similar conference, not farther East than Chicago, in order to include representatives of Western Synods not meeting in the General Conference, as at present organized.

4. That the thanks of the General Council be tendered the Committee of Laymen, Messrs. W. Warren Wattles, J. F. Dinkey,

and A. C. Albrecht, by whose activity and liberality the holding of the last General Conference was possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. JACOBS.

The Report with its several recommendations was then adopted.

The Committee on Expenses of General Conference reported that the Committee had collected $180 and had transmitted the same to W. H. Staake, Esq., Treasurer of the Conference, as the General Council's share of the expenses.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be extended to the laymen who contributed to defray the expenses of the General Conference at Pittsburgh.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laird, reporting for the Committee on this subject,

Resolved, That the report of the Church Book Society be received and entered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the General Council:

VENERABLE FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The "Lutheran Church Book and Literary Society" asks permission to present to you the following report for consideration.

After some months of preliminary work this Society was organized on the 16th of February, 1905, for the purpose of distributing Church Books, and disseminating other Lutheran literature. Its primary purpose is to furnish Church Books to newly organized missions and to charitable institutions, paying for the same either wholly or in part. If needed, other devotional literature of the Church and suitable tracts will be furnished to congregations and institutions unable to purchase the same. Three missions have already been supplied through the offices of the Society.

The qualifications for membership are as follows: "Any communicant of the Lutheran Church who shall annually pay one dollar into the treasury of this Society shall be enrolled as a member and shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. The

payment of twenty dollars at any one time shall constitute a Life Membership; and a person contributing one hundred dollars at any one time shall be called a patron of the Society."

The following constitute the officers and Board of Managers:

The Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, D.D., President.

The Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus. Doc., Vice-President.

Mr. H. M. Dern, Recording Secretary.

The Rev. John C. Mattes, Corresponding Secretary.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq., Treasurer.

The Revs. G. W. Sandt, D.D., C. Armand Miller, D.D., W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D., G. F. Spieker, D.D., A. S. Fichthorn, Geo. H. Trabert, D.D., Luther D. Reed, T. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D., A. D. J. Haupt, A. C. Carty, G. W. Mechling, D.D.

Messrs. Howard W. Lewis, Wm. H. Zinzer, G. H. Bechtold, Rich. R. Conarroe, S. U. Bean, J. Harvey Wattles, Lewis M. Haupt, H. K. Kurtz.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MATTES,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Report of the Church Book Committee, received at the Sixth Session, was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Hunton read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE UNIFICATION OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee begs leave to report, that, acting under instructions of the Norristown Convention, a meeting was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., on April 8, 1904, and the Plan,* tentative in its

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(*) THE PLAN.

1. A Home Mission Board shall be elected by the General Council and shall consist of four clergymen and three laymen. It shall be located at such place as that Body may from time to time determine.

It shall exercise the following functions.

(a). It shall have supervision of the missions committed to its care by the District Synods, and such other missions as are or may be established by it.

(b). It shall make an estimate of the funds needed for its work, and recommend to the General Council the amounts to be apportioned to the Synods.

2. The Mission Board or Committee of each Synod having charge of English Home Missions shall be auxiliary to the General Board.

It shall be the duty of these Boards:

(a). To lay before the General Council's Board or its authorized agents the mission needs of their Synods.

(b). To furnish, through an accredited representative or otherwise, the necessary data for the Board's intelligent action; so that by definite and detailed plans, new

character, unanimously adopted, was submitted to the District Synods for discussion and action. At the present Convention you have seen fit to refer to us the actions of the District Synods, and two items in the Report of the English Home Mission Board's Report to the General Council.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania reports its action in the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the Ministerium, through its delegates, petition the General Council to formulate a plan for said unification, and to hand the same down to the various District Synods for their consideration and final action."

The following is the action of the Pittsburgh Synod:

"*Resolved,* That the Synod having already expressed its approval of the Unification Plan, hereby declares itself ready and willing to commit its missions to the General Council's English Home Mission Board as soon as the conditions of the Plan have been complied with."

The District Synod of Ohio:

"*Resolved,* That this Synod now, as always in the past, is prepared to accept any well digested plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the General Council, as soon as the Synods generally are willing to enter upon such an arrangement."

"At the meeting of the Augustana Synod, at Lindsborg, Kansas, June, 1904, it was moved and adopted that action on the Plan for the Unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council be deferred.

"At the Synod's meeting, at Stanton, Iowa, June, 1905, a petition was presented to the Synod wherein the Conference (Minnesota) protests most emphatically against the adoption of the Plan for the Unification of the English Home Mission work of the General Council presented at the last meeting of the Synod. With reference to this protest it was decided: That the petition be laid on the table. Attest: Alfred Appell."

The Chicago Synod resolved: "That it is the sense of our

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missions may be properly established and those already in existence successfully conducted.

(c). To present to their respective Synods a complete account of the General Council Board's missionary operations.

(d). To recommend and urge upon their Synods such action as may be necessary to support the work of the General Council's Board whether in the raising of apportionments or in the spread of missionary intelligence.

Synod that we are ready to enter upon the Plan of Unification on the following conditions:

"(a) That our Home Mission Committee be represented on the General Council Board.

"(b) That we do not surrender the right to plant and maintain synodical missions when and where we deem it necessary."

The Synod of the Northwest "has adopted the Plan of the Unification of the English Home Missions."

The Synod of New York and New England:

"*Resolved,* That we heartily approve of the unification of our English Home Mission work."

No action of the Pacific Synod or of the Nova Scotia Synod has been reported to us.

We submit the following Plan with its accompanying Recommendations, and ask the privilege to add thereto such Explanations as may be deemed necessary for its elucidation:

1. The English Home Mission Board shall consist of seven members elected by the General Council, together with one member elected by each District Synod co-operating, or its Home Mission Board.

2. This Board shall have charge of the English Home Missions throughout the territory of said District Synods, and such other Missions as may be assigned to it; appoint a General Superintendent, District and Field Missionaries, and such other missionary agencies as may be found necessary.

3. It shall make an estimate of moneys needed for its operations, to be apportioned among the Synods, and report the same with the status of the Missions under its care to each Convention of the General Council.

4. Auxiliary thereto each Synod shall have a Home Mission Board, consisting of such members as it may select, together with one advisory member named by the General Board.

5. To this Board shall be sent the reports of the missionaries laboring within the respective Synod's territory, to be transmitted by it to the General Superintendent along with its recommendations.

6. Each Synod may appoint Conference and City Mission Committees, which shall transmit to the Synod's Board any information in their possession and make recommendations with reference to their district.

7. Any Conference or City Missionary Committee may with the consent of the synodical and General Board in special emergencies establish Missions, and any congregation requesting it may have a special Mission or Missions assigned to it for support, under the supervision of the General Board.

8. All Mission funds shall be paid to the Synodical Treasurers and by them be transmitted monthly to the Treasurer of the General Board.

We recommend:

I. That this Plan be submitted to the District Synods for final decision and action at their next convention.

II. That each Synod adopting the Plan in its general features be requested to appoint two persons for the purpose of conference with those of other Synods and with the members of the Home Mission Board of the General Council.

III. That, when, in the judgment of the General Council English Home Mission Board, a sufficient number of Synods have adopted the Plan or its general features, it may call a convention of said members, giving time and place, and to this convention shall be submitted any amendments made in the Plan by any Synod, and the transfer of the Mission work of the respective Synods to the General Board, under such conditions as the convention may approve, and that a report be made to the next Convention of the General Council.

(EXPLANATIONS, SUBSEQUENTLY FURNISHED.)

This Plan proposes a National organization to do a National work, giving representation to all sections and all interests. The object and purpose will be to become acquainted with the needs of the entire field, and with every part of the same, to make them known to the Church and to make a strenuous effort to secure the men and means to do the entire work to the neglect of none. It will not be the intention to cultivate only the most promising fields to the neglect of small places, but so to organize our forces and expend our resources as to place our strong men in the great centres of influence, whilst making adequate provision for the minor places. It would mean a wise and judicious distribution of all our resources.

Each District Synod may organize its own forces on its territory as it may deem best, though we recommend the appointment

of Conference and City Committees. It will have one representative in the Central Board to carry up its recommendations, needs, and desires. The Central Board will have an advisory member in the Synodical Home Mission Board, which member will be one of the District Missionaries devoting his whole time to the territory of that Synod and having expert knowledge of the entire field. The Synodical Home Mission Board being thus constituted will be in position to investigate its territory fully and make suitable recommendations to the General Board.

The City Committees and organizations, in co-operation with the Synodical and Central Boards, will give special attention to the work in their own midst, raising, if needed, special funds for Church Extension, etc., for their special needs. They will be associate organizations, and will not only be welcomed, but will also have the added experience and help of the agents of the General Board who devote their lives to Mission and Church Extension work. Such organizations will serve a useful purpose in cities like New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities of Minnesota, etc., etc. The means to carry on the work in general will be secured as at present, but instead of making two apportionments for Home Missions, one for the Synodical Board and one for the General Council, there will be one apportionment of the entire amount for the entire work. We are confident that more work can be done and greater results achieved for the individual Synod and for the field at large than under our present arrangements and at less expense. There will be but one system of Superintendents, and instead of setting up a dozen forms of reports, of appeals, and of printed matter for each Synodical Board, one form will reach the entire Church. Engaging the entire Church in the one work will enable the Board to secure as its Superintendents, District Missionaries, and Missionaries the best talent, not of any one Synod, but of all the Synods, of the entire Church.

This will insure not only the best system, but also the best methods, for conducting the work, which the united wisdom of the General Council can devise. Instead of a number of Superintendents and Superintendencies, or no Superintendent as in many Synods at the present, there will be one uniform system of oversight, and that system will have the experience that comes

not from a part but from the entire field, and will in the nature of the case be the most competent.

It will give us an organization which can be held responsible for results. When the Church commits into the hands of a Board its Mission work, assigning to it the entire territory, offering it large opportunities, enabling it to employ competent agents to devote their entire time to the work, it will and ought to demand accounting and hold it to strict responsibility. It places into its hands not only opportunities for work but also opportunities to gather the resources needed for its accomplishment. At present some of the most fruitful Mission territory is left to the unaided care of the Synods which are too weak for its proper conduct, and of others which though large numerically are so burdened with their own special work as to be unable to afford men and means for the work of English Home Missions. Our present system not only does not accomplish, but never can accomplish, the English Home Mission work of the General Council. Not until we make common cause with all our brethren in the General Council, not until the strong are willing to share with the weak, do we arise to an unselfishness and to a devotion to the cause, which God can and will fully bless. As long as this is not done there is a selfishness at the root which defeats its pretended object.

We are willing to submit this Plan to actual test. We would ask the Synods simply to give it a fair trial and to begin at once. If at the end of one or two years it does not commend itself to the wisdom and judgment of the Synods by its actual results, then we shall be content to return to the present methods or any other method which the wisdom of the Church may inaugurate.

L. G. Abrahamson, H. A. Weller,
S. P. A. Lindahl, E. Augustus Miller,
W. K. Frick, A. F. Siebert,
D. H. Geissinger, W. L. Hunton,
A. L. Yount, G. W. Sandt,
G. H. Gerberding, J. E. Whitteker,
C. K. Hunton, J. C. Kunzmann,
W. F. Bacher.

The Report was received, discussed, and made the first order for the afternoon session.

The Committee to nominate the German Home Mission Board reported. The Report was received, and action deferred until the closing Session. Similar action was taken in regard to the nominations for the Church Book Committee and for the Board of Publication.

The Rev. Dr. Laird read the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Trustees of the General Council beg leave to report: That since the last meeting of the General Council in October, 1903, they have held three meetings, to wit, February 1st, 1904, July 19th, 1904, and May 29th, 1905.

During the biennium, the honored and revered President, Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Seiss, departed this life and the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel was duly elected to fill the vacancy. The Secretary, Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, requested that he be allowed to resign his office in order to relieve himself from the work entailed, whereupon his resignation was accepted with great reluctance and profound regret, and Mr. E. Augustus Miller was duly elected Secretary.

At the several meetings held the following actions were taken and Resolutions adopted:

The Executive officers were authorized to execute a Letter of Attorney to the Rev. Dr. J. H. Harpster, Missionary in India, appointing him the true and lawful attorney of the Trustees to act for them and in their behalf in all matters requiring action and attention in India. The Letter of Attorney was duly executed and forwarded to Dr. Harpster.

It was resolved, That in the judgment of the Trustees the Foreign Mission Board should be incorporated, and the Board was recommended to take steps to secure a Charter.

The Officers were authorized to execute a Deed of Extinguishment for a Ground Rent of One Hundred Dollars held by the corporation upon premises No. 5121 Aspen Street, Philadelphia, which Deed of Extinguishment was duly executed and the Redemption money of Two Thousand Dollars paid to the Treasurer.

A communication was received from the Publication Board requesting the Trustees to transfer to said Board all copyrights for

books and publications at present held by and in the name of the Trustees of the General Council, particularly that of the "Kirchenbuch," the copyright to which expired in June, 1905, in order that the same might be renewed. The Trustees thereupon Resolved, That authority be and the same was given to transfer the copyright of the "Kirchenbuch" in order to facilitate its renewal, but that action concerning other copyrights be postponed to the meeting of the General Council when proper instruction and authorization may be given.

Appropriate resolutions upon the death of the President of the Trustees, Dr. Joseph A. Seiss, were adopted.

Authority was given to the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. H. Staake, to transfer any income on hand to the credit of the various Boards to the Treasurer of said respective Boards, and a committee was duly appointed to audit his accounts.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, two of the Trustees have departed this life, viz: Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Seiss and Mr. Henry Lehman.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. Aug. Miller,
Secretary Trustees of General Council.

Appended to the above is the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, of the following funds:

SEMINARY BUILDING FUND.

Balance at audit in 1903	$517 00
Interest from bank	20 00
	$537 00

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By cash	$000 00
Balance on hand	537 00
	$537 00

(This fund consists of moneys contributed towards the erection of a Seminary building at Rajahmundry, India, title to which is to be held by the Trustees.)

B. W. SCHMAUK LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Balance at audit, 1903		$ 71 87
1904.		
Apr. 2.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 4-1-04 on $500 E. & P. 4's	10 00
Oct. 1.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 10-1-04 on $500 E. & P. 4's	10 00
1905.		
Apr. 15.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 4-1-05 on $500 E. & P. 4's	10 00
Oct 2.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 10-1-05 on $500 E. & P. 4's	10 00
		$111 87

Cr.

1903.		
Oct. 27.	By cash, Philip S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Fund.	$ 71 87
1905.		
Oct. 6.	By cash, Philip S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Fund.	40 00
		$111 87

(The interest of this fund is for the work of Foreign Missions.)

UNKNOWN DONOR ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Balance at audit, 1903		$307 50
1904.		
Apr. 2.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 4-1-04 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
Oct. 1.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 10-1-04 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
1905.		
Apr. 15.	To cash, 6 mo. int. due 4-1-05 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
Oct. 2.	To cash. 6 mo. int. due 10-1-05 on $2000 E. & P. 4's	40 00
		$467 50

Cr.

1903.		
Oct. 27.	By cash, Philip S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Board.	$307 50
1905.		
Oct. 6.	By cash, Philip S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Board.	160 00
		$467 50

(The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions.)

J. GEORGE WAGNER FUND.

Balance at audit of 1903	$1,038 50
Interest from bank	40 19
	$1,078 69

Cr.

1903.
Oct. 27. By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Board...$ 38 50
1905.
Oct. 6. By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Board... 40 10
Balance on hand 1,000 00

$1,078 69

(The interest of this fund is devoted to the cause of Foreign Missions.)

ESTATE OF SARAH HARWICK, DECEASED.

Dr.

Balance at audit of 1903 .....$394 08
Interest from bank 16 00

$410 08

Cr.

By cash $000 00
Balance on hand 410 08

$410 08

MARY A. RATZEL FUND.

Balance at audit of 1903 .....$334 56
1903.
Dec. 31. To cash, M. D. Low, 6 mo. g. r. due 1-1-04 on 5121 Aspen Street 50 00
1904.
Jan. 29. To cash, do. for do., due July 1, 1904..... 50 00
July 20. To cash, do. ground rent to 7-20 04..... 5 55
July 20. To cash, do., principal of ground rent..... 2,000 00
1905.
Oct. 6. To cash, Robert Buchanan, 2½ mo. mtge. int. due 10-30-04, on 255 N. 58th St. 20 25
To cash, do., 6 mo. mtge. int. due 4-30-05..... 48 60
To cash, interest from bank 4 00

$2,512 96

Cr.

1903.
Oct. 27. By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas. Foreign Mission Board balance at audit of 1903 .....$ 334 56

(As $135 of this amount constituted portion of the principal of this fund and should not have been paid to P. S. Z., Treas., the accountant reimburses himself out of the income since received from said estate, to the extent of $135.)

Investment in mortgage of $1800 on 255 N. 58th St.... 1,800 00

1905.

Oct. 6.	By cash, P. S. Zieber, Treas., balance income on hand	43 40	
	Balance on hand, forming part of principal.....	335 00	
			$2,512 96

(Interest of this fund is for Foreign Missions.)

KONGO MISSION.

Balance on hand, received 2-13-85, through Rev. C. G. Fischer, for Lutheran Kongo Mission $3 70

Philadelphia, October 10, 1905.

The above accounts have been audited as to the items of charge and discharge thereof, and have been found correct. The securities in the hands of the Treasurer have been exhibited to me and found to be recorded and registered in the name of the Trustees of the General Council.

W. Fred'k Monroe.

The Report was received for future consideration.

On motion of the Rev. F. W. Oswald,

Resolved, That the Committee already appointed to make nominations for the Committees on General Conference and Co-operation make nominations for the Joint Committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Ernest F. Bachmann, of Buffalo, N. Y.

NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17, 2 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Miamisburg, O.

The First Vice-President, the Rev. F. W. Oswald, presided during this session.

ACTION ON THE UNIFICATION PLAN.

The Unification Plan, reported at the Eighth Session, was taken up, and after prolonged discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion,

Resolved, That the word "final" be stricken from the first resolution.

With this change the first recommendation was unanimously adopted, but the second and third resolutions were laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Unification be adopted as amended.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann,

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and that the action of the different Synods be reported to the Unification Committee, which committee shall report these actions to the General Council with such emendation of the plan as the committee may deem proper.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick,

Resolved, That the Unification Committee's report be made the first order of business on Saturday morning at the next Convention.

The Report of the English Home Mission Board, laid over from the Third Session, was then adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Dr. Belfour presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SLOVAK WORK.

Your Committee appointed to consider the Slovak interests of the General Council, reports as follows:

1. We recommend that a Board of nine members be elected by this Body, whose duty it shall be to supervise the Slovak and Transylvania work within our Council.

2. Your Committee is also of the opinion, that, as these people are scattered from the East to Chicago, the Board should be centrally located. We therefore recommend Pittsburgh, Pa., as the most suitable place.

EDMUND BELFOUR, W. M. REHRIG,
M. C. RANSEEN, C. T. BENZE,
D. M. KEMERER, FRANK D. BITTNER,
L. LINDENSTRUTH.

The first Recommendation was adopted, the second tabled, and the Report as amended adopted, with instructions to the same Committee to report nominations for the Slovak Board.

The English Recording Secretary read the Report of the Treasurer of the General Council, which was received and referred to Messrs. James M. Snyder and Samuel Anderson, for audit, whose Report, rendered at the Tenth Session, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

William H. Staake, Treasurer, in account with the General Expense Fund of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Dr.

The said accountant charges himself with the following amounts received by him since the date of the last audit of said account in 1903:

	Balance as shown at last audit in 1903.....	$ 3 66
1903.		
Oct 19.	To cash, Rev. E. Pfatteicher, Chairman Convention, offerings at meeting on Monday evening of 29th Convention of General Council at Norristown, Pa.....	32 72
1904.		
Jan. 13.	To cash, Manitoba and Northwest Syn., apportionment	20 00
Jan 14.	To cash, Pittsburgh Synod, apportionment.....	220 00
Jan. 14.	To cash, Nova Scotia Synod, apportionment.....	10 00
Jan. 18.	To cash, Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, apportionment	80 00
Feb. 9.	To cash, Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York, balance of apportionment	156 61
Mch. 1.	To cash, Rev. Kramer (per Rev. Grahn)	1 00
Apr. 2.	To cash, Pacific Synod, apportionment.....	20 00
Apr. 2.	To cash, Pacific Synod, apportionment.....	12 90
May 3.	To cash, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, apportionment..	560 00
July 15.	To cash, Chicago Synod	60 00
1905.		
Jan. 16.	To cash, Augustana Synod	500 00
June 2.	To cash, Saugerties, N. Y., Ev. Luth. Cong.....$1 00	
	To cash, Middle Village, N. Y., Trinity Cong..... 4 47	
		5 47
June 9.	To cash, English Ev. Luth. Synod Northwest,, app't..	40 00
		$1,722 36

Cr.

The said Treasurer craves credit and allowance for the following disbursements made by him:

1903.		
Oct. 15.	By cash, Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., expenses.....$	38 18

Oct. 19.	By cash, Jethro Smith, sexton at 29th Convention at Norristown, Pa., services	10 00
1904.		
Feb. 5.	By cash, W. A. Rafferty, Notarial fee and cash expended in re Letter of Attorney to Rev. J. H. Harpster..	3 25
	To cash, do., services in re drawing and typewriting: 3 copies of agreement with Dr. Schmidt, 4 copies Letter of Attorney to Rev. Fichthorn, 4 copies Letter of Attorney to Rev. Harpster	25 00
Apr. 9.	To cash, Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., for Treasurer General Lutheran Conference of Europe.....	25 00
Apr. 11.	Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., expenses as official visitor to Icelandic Synod	15 60
Apr. 20.	To cash, W. A. Rafferty, drafting and typewriting Letter of Attorney to satisfy mortgages and judgments, resolutions, in re Extinguishment of ground ren on 5121 Aspen St., and others..$10 00 Cash paid recording and acknowledgments..... 2 25	
	———	12 25
Aug. 13.	To cash, Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D., expenses as delegate to United Synod South	11 40
Aug. 13.	Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., copying minutes of last Convention	30 00
Sept. 13.	To cash, Rev. J. A. Leas, expenses as delegate to General Council Convention at Norristown, Pa..	50 00
Oct. 6.	To cash, Wartburg Printing House, printing German Minutes of 1903	598 29
Nov. 19.	By cash, Board of Publication of General Council for English minutes	671 56
Dec. 7.	By cash, Wartburg Printing House, translation Minutes into German .....$25 00 Expressage and postage 55 80	
	———	80 80
Dec. 23.	Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., traveling expenses from Philadelphia to Rostock as delegate of General Council to General Council in Europe	30 00
1905.		
July 5.	To cash, Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., delegate United Synod South, convened at Salem-Winston, N. C., $20; and delegate to General Synod Conference at Baltimore, Md., $5	25 00
Sept. 20.	To cash, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, expenses as delegate to Pacific Synod to 28th Convention at Lima, Ohio....	50 00

Oct.	6.	To cash, Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., expenses as delegate to United Danish Church	3 00
Oct.	6.	To cash, typewriting, etc., reports	5 00
			$1,684 33
		Balance on hand	38 03
			$1,722 36

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*
October 17, 1905.

We have examined the above report of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

JAMES M. SNYDER,
SAMUEL ANDERSON,
Auditing Committee.

ACTION ON LUTHERAN GENERAL CONFERENCE IN EUROPE.

The Report of the Committee on Relations to the Lutheran General Conference in Europe, deferred from the Eighth Session, was then taken up, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn,

Resolved, That the report be accepted and entered upon the Minutes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Andreen,

Resolved, That the General Council approve of the work done by the General Executive Committee along the lines laid down by the Committee itself and urge it to issue the invitations and make the necessary arrangements for an International Lutheran Conference to be held in the United States of America in 1907.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

On account of the serious illness of the Chairman and absence of other members, a final meeting of this Committee at Milwaukee was impossible, and a formal Report could not be rendered.

ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The following Abstracts of Minutes of the various Synods composing the General Council, as prepared by their Presidents, were received, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes as a matter of record:

1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States held two annual meetings since the last meeting of the General Council; its 157th annual convention in St. John's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., May 26th, to June 1, 1904, and its 158th convention, in Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., June 15-21, 1905.

Since the last meeting of the General Council, thirteen members of the Ministerium departed this life; sixteen were honorably dismissed, one certificate of membership was issued to unite with another Synod not in union with us, and one certificate of standing was given; fourteen were received from other Lutheran bodies; and twenty-three were ordained to the office of the ministry.

At its last meeting the Ministerium numbered 365 ministers, 543 congregations and 136,459 confirmed members. Its accessions during the past two years were 18,724, and losses 7,170, leaving a net gain of 11,554. It has 31 parochial schools, 59 teachers and 1,936 scholars. Its Sunday-schools number, General Council Graded, 240, other 310, with 9,849 officers and teachers and 92,196 scholars.

The minutes of the Convention for 1905 show the following contributions for the synodical year immediately preceding: for congregational current expenses, $448,563.66; special expenses, $391,131.01; total expenditures, $841,793.81.

The benevolent contributions for the last synodical year were, for General Benevolence Fund, $228,893.81; for Theological Seminary, $736.84; for Muhlenberg College, $33,645.89; Orphans' Homes, $12,540.76; Inner Missions, $1,388.29; General Council English Home Missions, $10,037.12; German Home Missions, $2,470.95; Foreign Missions, $9,348 75; Porto Rico Missions, $733.29; for Church Extension, $4,724.30; gifts of goods, $5,663.92; other charitable purposes, $12,326.08; total benevolent contributions, $115,133.65.

During the same year 27 students received aid in preparation for the holy ministry at a cost of $3,247.32, and 59 missions within the bounds of the Ministerium were supported at an expense of $17.367.65. Work among the Slovaks was also rigorously prosecuted by a special committee at an expense of $804.23.

Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa., moved into its new buildings during this synodical year, and is now conducted at the beautiful new location in West Allentown. Owing to the changes and conditions incident to its removal, the attendance was not as large as in the previous year. There were in the college classes 82, and in the preparatory school 35, making a total of 117. The attendance this year is much larger. The outlook of this institution is good, and every effort is being made to liquidate its debt and to maintain its standing as a first class college. It lately received a legacy of $5,000 from the estate of the late Catharine Ashmead Schaeffer.

The Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy continues to prosper. The teaching force is the same excepting the instructor in Hebrew, Rev. A. T. Clay,

Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania, having taken the place of Dr. C. A. Blomgren, who resigned to accept a professorship in Hebrew in the Augustana Seminary. The attendance during the last year was larger than it had been for some time, the number of students being seventy-five. The standard of preparation has been gradually advanced and the industry of the students is manifest in their satisfactory attainments, which give promise of large usefulness. An addition was made to the Schaeffer-Ashmead Memorial by the generosity of Rev. Dr. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, making the church much more convenient and improving its appearance both without and within. Definite steps have been taken to secure a fire proof building to house its valuable library. A Legacy of $4,000 in addition to $1,000 previously given, was received from the estate of the late Catharine Ashmead Schaeffer. Also a contribution of $1,000 made on Seminary Day, September 28, by the family of the sainted Rev. Dr. W. J. Mann. The health of the students and professors during the last year was remarkably good.

Our institutions of mercy have been generously supported and have been carrying on their useful mission with faithfulness and success.

The Orphans' Home and Asylum at Germantown have been conducted in a very satisfactory way under the efficient management of the superintendent, matrons and assistants who deserve much praise for their faithful and devoted services. During the last synodical year the Home has cared for 85 boys and 44 girls. Four of the boys are learning trades. The Asylum has furnished a home for 16 men and 34 women. Every room in the Asylum is occupied. The Orphans' home at Topton has enjoyed most encouraging prosperity. Its beautiful and valuable property is free of debt, and funds are accumulating for enlargement of the Home and also for the establishment of a home for the aged. There are in the Home 33 boys and 35 girls. The schools of the Home are ably conducted, and the superintendent and matron give untiring devotion to the welfare of the children and to the interests of the Home.

The Mary J. Drexel Home is making slow and steady progress in its noble work. This beautiful and well equipped institution should be more largely attended by devout women in course of preparation for the work of deaconesses. Its beneficent work is growing and sufficiently commends this institution to the attention of our people.

The Motherhouse proper contains the following fields of labor:

1. The Old People's Home, under the direction of one sister, 41 inmates.

2. The Children's Hospital treated 573, among them 253 free patients; 373 boys, 200 girls; 557 white, 16 colored.

3. The Girl's School under the supervision of an experienced sister, has 60 pupils, among them 41 boarders. For clergymen's daughters of the Lutheran Church five places in the school are reserved at half rates.

4. The Christian Kindergarten was opened in 1893. When the weather is favorable as many as seventy little ones are in attendance. Under the supervision of an experienced sister an opportunity is given to young ladies

of Lutheran congregations to be trained for this important work among the little ones.

In the German Hospital, Philadelphia, 28 sisters are employed, and seven are employed in parish work in different congregations of the Synod; seven are employed in the Easton Hospital, one in the Lutheran St. John's Home for Old People in Mars, Pa., and five in the St. John's General Hospital in Allegheny, Pa.

MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Allentown Conference made the following request of Synod, which was adopted: Inasmuch as the Common Service as published by the General Council varies from that which was adopted by the "Joint Committee," and inasmuch as the several editions in the hands of our people do not agree—all of such variations tending to defeat the purpose of the common service as expressed in the Preface of the Church Book (p. x, lines 8, 20), and cause confusion among our people, therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the Ministerium to memorialize the General Council to publish the Common Service as it was adopted by the Joint Committee.

By resolution of the Ministerium (Min. 1904, p. 92) the General Council is asked to impress its pastors with the importance of urging the establishment and work of Christian Kindergarten upon their people.

At the meeting in Lancaster, Pa., 1905, $630 were appropriated for expenses of General Council.

The following action was taken at the same convention (see Min. 1905, p. 102): In view of the fact that the copyright on the so-called Mann-Krotel Catechism, entered in the name of the Ministerium, in 1863, by authority given to the proper committee, after a term of forty-two years, the length of time for which a certificate is issued, will expire this year; and since, according to a canvass made several years ago, many of the pastors are still using it, and consequently a demand for it exists, the following is offered, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Krotel, the surviving member of the original committee, be most respectfully requested to make a revision of the Catechism, adding such features as, in his judgment, may be deemed desirable; further, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Publication of the General Council be authorized to publish the same.

At the eleventh session these resolutions were adopted with special resolutions that the second one be understood to carry with it the right of property, and that the determination of the text to be used in the Catechism be left to the Church Book Committee of the General Council.

In reference to the Unification of Missions the following action was taken (see Min. 1905, p. 97):

Whereas, The Plan for the Unification of the English Home Mission Work of the General Council has been submitted to the various Conferences of the Ministerium for discussion, and

WHEREAS, A majority vote, but not a two-thirds constitutional vote of the Ministerium, has at this convention been cast in favor of transferring its English Home Missions to the General Council, therefore,

Resolved, That this Ministerium, through its delegation, petitions the General Council to formulate a plan for said unification, and to hand the same down to the various District Synods for their consideration and final action.

The following action was taken in regard to Sunday-school Instruction "in the Service" (see Min. 1905, p. 55, 56): We recommend that Synod request the General Council to have a series of lessons prepared, which may be regarded as additional to the Graded Course, and which will embody the following general subject of worship: Phases of it in Old Testament and New Testament times; Christian worship; the atmosphere of worship; the Church Year explained; the formal side of worship; the Liturgy; chief service; Matins and Vespers; Lections, Collect and Prayer; Psalms and Hymns.

The 159th Annual Meeting of the Ministerium will begin its sessions on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1906, in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa. M. C. HORINE, *President.*

II. The Ministerium of New York.

The New York Ministerium held two conventions since the last meeting of the General Council, the 113th from June 9 to 13, 1904, in Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. Theo. H. Becker, pastor, and its 114th from June 29 to July 3, 1905, in the First German Evangelical Church, Lyons, N. Y., the Rev. Albert Heyd, pastor.

There are now on the roll of the Ministerium 150 ministers serving 151 congregations, of which 121 are officially connected with the Ministerium. The number of communicants is 51,673. There are 125 German Sunday-schools, with 2,729 teachers and 28,406 pupils, and 40 English Sunday-schools with 626 teachers and 7,564 pupils. The number of parochial schools is 38 with 39 teachers and 1,608 scholars, and of Saturday, or part time schools 55 with 73 teachers and 2,922 scholars.

The contributions for synodical purposes during the past year amounted to $19,505.87, and for General Council Missions $2,736.17. The amount raised for congregationtl purposes was $406,497.83; for benevolent and general church purposes, $37,883.53. The Ministerium gave financial assistance to 20 missionaries and to 9 students for the ministry. One mission became self-supporting during the past year.

Wagner College, Rochester, under the directorship of the Rev. H. D. Kraeling, closed the last year with a deficit. The receipts were $7,490.42 and the expenditures $7,486.34. The sum of $4,522.42 was contributed by the congregations. An effort is to be made to liquidate the long standing debt of $4,370. Fourteen students have entered Wagner this fall, making 29 in all, of whom 24 reside in the institution.

The official organ of the Synod is the "Lutherische Herold," with Rev. Ph. Maas as its editor F. W. OSWALD, *President.*

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Pittsburgh Synod held two conventions since the last meeting of the General Council. The 62d at Wheeling, W. Va., June 1-6, 1904. President, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. D. M. Kemerer; German Secretary, Rev. Paul Kummer; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller; Missionary Superintendent, Rev. C. H. Hemsath.

Items of general interest at the Wheeling Convention:

1. Synod authorized the establishment of a Home for aged and infirm persons.

2. Synod instructed the Board of Trustees of Thiel College to secure the best legal counsel to consider the legal status of the college and determine whether or not under present conditions the said college may, by amendment of its charter or otherwise be removed from Greenville, Pa., to Greensburg, Pa., and if after such most careful examination the affirmative shall appear, said Board of Trustees of Theil College was requested to take the necessary steps to carry out the purpose of the Synod expressed in its action taken on the subject at the conventions held in 1902 and 1903.

3. It was resolved that the General Council mission in Porto Rico receive the cordial support of our Synod.

4. To provide for the religious wants of the many Lutheran Slovaks in the territory of our Synod it was resolved that a supply of Luther's Small Catechism with brief explanations, which is in use in Austria, shall be secured, and that an English translation shall be printed with it; that a translation into the Slovak language of the Ministerial Acts for Baptism, Confirmation, the Lord's Supper, Marriage, Churching of Women, and Burial shall be made and printed; that an index list of approved Lutheran hymns shall be provided for guidance in worship.

The 63d Convention was held at Ligonier, Pa., June 21-26, 1905. President, Rev. William J. Miller, D.D.; English Secretary, Rev. D. M. Kemerer; German Secretary, Rev. Paul Kummer; Treasurer, Rev. J. H. A. Kitzmiller; Missionary Superintendent, Rev. C. H. Hemsath.

Items of interest at the Ligonier Convention:

1. On account of a serious affliction Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., was compelled to tender his resignation as president of Synod about the middle of the synodical year. The Synod by a rising vote adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to extend the cordial greetings of this body to its former President, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D., and also assure him of our sincere sympathy with him in his affliction.

Resolved, That we unite in prayer for our brother in the use of the Litany for the sick, led by the President.

2. The Executive Committee elected Rev. A. L. Yount, D.D., to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Geissinger as President of Synod.

3. The Committee on the Old People's Home of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church reported that land had been purchased for the purposes of the Home at Zelienople, Pa., and that Mrs. Jane R. Pas-

savant, widow of the late C. S. Passavant, had donated to the Home ten acres of land most beautifully situated adjoining the land purchased.

Synod approved of the Constitution presented by the committee.

4. The German brethren of Synod were authorized to organize a German Conference.

5. Synod adopted as its official declaration concerning the individual communion cup, the declaration of the faculty of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, which was adopted by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and ordered the same be printed in this year's Minutes of Synod.

6. It was resolved that Synod instruct its delegates to the General Council to request that body to so modify the article of the Constitution relating to delegates as to make the superintendents of Home Missions and Foreign Missions, and the manager of the Board of Publication delegates or representatives ex officio and that all general boards elected by the General Council be entitled to a delegate.

Parochial statistics from minutes of 63d Convention—Membership: 137 ministers, 126 parishes, 186 congregations, 28,461 communicants, 1,871 infant baptisms, 1,522 confirmations, 1.246 received by letter, 1,170 catechumens, 554 deaths, 825 removals, 176 Sunday-schools, 1,618 teachers, 17,626 scholars.

Contributions: Synodical treasury, $9,819.66; Pentecostal offerings, $1,685.37; ministerial relief, $412.67; Church Extension, $2,270.36; orphan work, $3,228.90; educational institutions, $1,277.52; General Council Home Missions, $4,044.01; Foreign Missions, $4,160.15; Porto Rico Missions, $345.01; local objects, $224,023.00; other benevolent purposes, $4,412.46; total, $255,678.81.

There are 53 mission congregations served by 26 missionaries. Three missions became self-supporting during the past year.

The next convention will be held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Erie, Pa., beginning Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1906.

WILLIAM J. MILLER, *President.*

IV. The District Synod of Ohio.

The Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio held two annual meetings since the last convention of the General Council; its 48th annual meeting, in St. John's Church, Zanesville, Ohio, June 2-6, 1904; and its 49th, in Trinity Church, Middlepoint, Ohio, June 22-26, 1905. At the first meeting three pastors were received from other Synods of the General Council, and three young men were ordained to the office of the gospel ministry. At the second meeting one young man was admitted by ordination. In this time, however, four have taken pastorates in other Synods and one, the venerable F. Richards, D.D., pastor for more than a quarter of a century at Zanesville, Ohio, departed this life. During the biennium four congregations were received and three new missions were explored and their establishment undertaken.

The Synod's latest statistics are as follows: Ministers, 43; congregations, 77; communicants, 13,187; confirmations and adult baptisms, 576; other additions, 325; infant baptisms, 656; Losses by death and otherwise, 374;

Sunday-schools reported, 69; Sunday-school officers, teachers and pupils, 8,528; total contributions of Sunday-schools, $5,307.59; total contributions of church societies, $10,016.88; value of church property, $476,125.00; current expenses, etc., $46,046.27; Synod, General Council, Church Extension, etc., $19,251.68; Chicago Seminary, $1,500.

The above figures, in general, are in advance of those of the preceding year, and a comparison of them with those of the last report to the General Council shows that the Synod is making substantial progress, if not so much in the number of its ministers and parishes, still much more in its devotion to the Church's interests as proven by its increasing benevolences in almost every line of the Master's work.

The Synod is now aiding eleven missions on its territory, gives support to ten young men studying for the ministry, and by other commendable activities is sowing the seed for spiritual harvests which we trust shall be gathered in the near future. V. B. CHRISTY, *President.*

V. The Augustana Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod has held two annual meetings since the last meeting of the General Council. The 45th annual convention was held in Bethany Church, Lindsborg, Kansas, June 2-7, 1904, and the 46th convention in the Lutheran Church, Stanton, Iowa, June 9-14, 1905.

Since the last convention of the General Council eleven members of the Synod have passed to their eternal reward, among these the lamented Rev. C. A. Swensson, Ph.D., D. D., at one time President of the General Council, who died in Los Angeles, Cal., February 16, 1904, in the prime of life after an unusually active service. Two members have been deposed, and two have severed their connection with the Synod without signifying their intention of joining any other Synod. Two, who at one time were members, were again received into membership, one was received from the General Synod, and fifty-eight were ordained to the office of the ministry.

The following parochial statistics are gathered from the Minutes of the forty-sixth convention: Conferences and mission districts, 11; ministers, 545; congregations, 993; church buildings, 864; parsonages, 403; communicants, 142,790; total number of parishioners, 230,678; infant baptisms, 12,325; adult baptisms, 51; confirmations, 6,458; accessions by letter, 13,545; deaths, 2,214; removals, 13,179; parochial schools, 416; teachers, 544; scholars, 20,870; Sunday-schools, 807; teachers, 8,749; scholars, 65,118. The property valuation of the congregations is $6,132,562.52.

During the past two years the Synod has expended $109,181.45 for educational purposes and $86,179.30 for home missions. It has contributed during the same period $18,511.80 to foreign missions, and $43,258.92 for the care of orphans, and $14,870.44 for hospital work, church extension, pension fund and general expenses of the Synod. The total expenditures of the congregations for all purposes for the two years were $2,509,497.77.

The Oscar II endowment of 100,000 crowns, which was gathered in Sweden for Augustana College and Theological Seminary at Rock Island,

Ill., was received in full during the past year. Consul Oscar Ekman, of Stockholm, Sweden, contributing 50,000 crowns.

There has been a noticeable and gratifying increase the past year in the contributions for all purposes.

The Home Mission work is steadily growing. The Synod supports at the present time thirteen missionaries in the field aside from those who wholly or in part are supported by the conferences.

The Immanuel Deaconess Institute at Omaha, which is now owned and controlled by the Synod, continues to prosper. It enjoys the confidence of the whole Synod, and as far as its work is rightly understood it is also greatly appreciated.

The publishing business of the Synod is in a flourishing condition; the total cash receipts of the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill., for last year being $102,781.83 and the net gain over and above appropriation of $3,000 to Augustana College was $9,656.77.

The principle of the Unification of English Home Missions of the General Council which was laid before the Synod at its meeting in Lindsborg last year, has not met with general approval within the Synod. The question was tabled until the meeting of this year, but no action was taken then as the question was not reported for action by the Synodical Council.

At its last meeting the Synod passed the following resolution with respect to candidates for ordination to the ministry: That the Synod, except in extraordinary cases, that are had in view in the Constitution of the Synod, Chap. V., Art. II, Sec. 4, Part 4, will not grant any applicant ordination who has not taken the full course, prescribed for examination, at the Seminary of the Synod (or at least spent the last year of his theological studies at this Seminary), and presented proper certificates from the Theological Faculty that he has passed an approved and satisfactory examination in the course of study required by the Synod.

It were well if the other Theological Seminaries of the General Council would take notice of this position of the Augustana Synod, and be governed accordingly in instances where young men who intend to enter the ministry within the Augustana Synod for some reason or other pursue their studies at these institutions, and thus avoid any possible friction in the future.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Norelius, D.D., Vasa, Minn.; Vice-President, Rev. Prof. C. E. Lindberg, D.D., Rock Island, Ill.; Secretary, Rev. Prof. J. G. Dahlberg, A.M., Rock Island, Ill.; Treasurer, Rev. C. J. Bengston, Rock Island, Ill.

The Synod will hold its next annual convention in Denver, Col., next June.

Very respectfully,

E. Norelius, *President.*

VI. The Canada Synod.

Two meetings were held since the last convention of the General Council, the 44th, at Zurich, Huron county, Ont., June 26-30, 1904, and the 45th, at Sebastopol, Perth county, Ont., June 15-19, 1905.

During the biennium nine pastors were added to the ranks of the Synod, and six dismissed to other Synods connected with the General Council. We have gained valuable ground in the cities of Berlin and Stratford. The difficulty in finding suitable workers is still very noticeable in some vacant mission fields. The Canada Synod has been doing very extensive Home Mission work, eight fields being under its care at present, most of them numbering three or four congregations or preaching stations. The establishing of a new district along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad is under consideration.

The statistical reports give proof of a generally very encouraging condition, the Synod numbering 42 pastors, 85 congregations and preaching stations, 13,000 communicant members and upwards of 20,000 souls. Sunday-school is held in all congregations with 6,500 scholars. Parochial or Saturday school is held by the respective pastors in almost every parish, the attendance being about 1,300 children. The contributions towards the different benevolent purposes and the administration of the Synod during the past two years amounted to $10,400; the expenses for Home Mission work being $5,100; for Foreign Mission $1,500; for orphans' work, $500; for invalid ministers' fund $750.

At its last meeting the Synod's Invalid Ministers' Fund was placed upon a sound basis by accepting rules and regulations for the administration of the same, This fund amounts to $7,500, considerably increasing each year by means of annual collections in all congregations. At present an annuity of $200 is paid to any invalid minister of the Canada Synod.

The next meeting of Synod will, D. V., be held in St. Matthew's Church at Berlin, Ont., Rev. E. Hoffmann, pastor, beginning Thursday after Pentecost, 1906.

The officers of the Synod are: President, Rev. E. Hoffman, Berlin, Ont.; Vice-President, Rev. A. Blunck, Rostock, Perth county, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. H. Rembe, Hamilton, Ont.; Treasurer, Rev. F. Loeb, Baden, Ont.

E. Hoffmann, *President.*

VII. The Chicago Synod.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the Chicago Synod has had two conventions. The first met in Phanuel Church at Wallace, Ind., June 1-5, 1904, and the second in the Church of the Holy Trinity at LaFayette, Ind., June 21-25, 1905. In each of these conventions there was manifested a deep interest in the work of the Church in every department of its activities. The Synod has 55 congregations, 50 Sunday-schools, and 38 ordained ministers laboring in the various parishes. The communicant membership is 5,435, and the estimated value of church property is $336,350. The Synod's expenditures during the last synodical year were $50,033.

The Synod gives support to eleven synodical missions. The General Council's English Home Mission Board renders support to seven missions on the territory of this Synod, making the number of mission parishes 18 in the Synod.

The Synod counts itself fortunate that it has the Chicago Theological Seminary in its midst which furnishes a source of ministerial supply for the many needs of our missionary Synod.

The officers of Synod at present are: Rev. Luther Hogshead, President; Rev. Harry B. Reed, Secretary; Rev. Isaiah Whitman, Treasurer; Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., chairman of Home Mission Committee, or Mission Director. LUTHER HOGSHEAD, *President.*

VIII. The English Synod of the Northwest.

During the past biennium the Synod of the Northwest has held two conventions: one at Lindstrom, Minn., June 8-13, 1904, in Trinity Church, Rev. Frank E. Jensen, pastor; the other in the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Rev. William Eckert, pastor, from June 27th to July 2d, 1905.

The Lord has abundantly blessed the work of our Synod during the two years past as the following brief summary will show:

Years.	Pastors.	Cong.	Com. Mem.	Bap. Mem.	S. S. Schools.	Property.
1903	17	21	3,034	5,568	3,009	$119,000
1904	18	22	3,422	6,544	3,376	$142,500
1905	26	27	4,043	7,608	3,606	$177,200
Gain in two years..	9	6	1,009	2,040	597	$58,200

There have been 764 adult and infant baptisms; $5,415 contributed to the benevolent work of the church, and a total of $66,287 raised for all purposes—nearly $9 per member.

Pastoral changes are frequent and it is hard to get the men for our large and trying field, but we have been richly blessed in this respect during the past year. At the last convention of Synod eight new men were added to our roll, and six new congregations were received.

There has long been need of impressive church edifices in the great cities of the Northwest. We rejoice in the erection of the new Salem Church of Minneapolis and the renewing of St. John's and earnestly hope that St. Paul, the capital of the State, and Milwaukee, Wis., will soon have similar structures.

The Central and Eastern Conferences have been organized since the last meeting of the Council, and Synod is at work preparing a new constitution. It also has in hand the organization of a Pastors' and Widows' Aid Fund. The General Council Graded System is generally used in the schools of the Synod.

An earnest effort has been made to reconcile the differences that have arisen with the other Lutheran brethren working upon the same territory, and we believe the work in the future will be more harmonious and successful.

Possibly the most important work of the year has been the opening up of the North Shore of Lake Superior where there is a stretch of over 100 miles of coast without a resident minister of the Gospel except the one

sent there by our Synod. The work is altogether too taxing for one man, most of the inhabitants being Lutherans from abroad whose children are demanding the services of our pastors. Two populous towns of five and eight thousand souls call loudly for our English Lutheran Gospel.

Synod was fully incorporated July 28, 1904, and will celebrate its 15th anniversary in Salem Church, Minneapolis, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., pastor, beginning June 19, 1906.

The Synod has adopted the plan of Unification of Home Missions, and pledged and paid a good portion of the salary of the traveling missionary for Minnesota and the Dakotas.

A. J. D. HAUPT, *President.*

IX. German Synod of Manitoba and the Northwestern Territories.

This Synod met in the month of July, 1905, in annual convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Rev. V. Henning, pastor loci. According to the report of the President, read by President Henning, two larger parochial districts were divided, that of Pastor Willing, Neudorf, from which the parish of Pheasant Forks was separated, and Ellerslie, Alberta, from which Lutherhort branched off. Two new churches were dedicated, the Friedens Kirche in Grenfell, Sas., and the St. Johannes Kirche in Edmonton, Alberta. In Winnipeg a new mission was started in Louise Bridge and immediately cared for by the Board of German Home Missions of the General Council. The Rev. G. Arendt, of Gretna, Man., was elected President; the Rev. H. Walbaum, of Rosthern, Sas., Vice-President. (When a few months later the Rev. Arendt accepted a call to Victoria, the Rev. H. Walbaum became *eo ipso* President, and is filling that position now, though he has since removed to Edmonton, Alberta.) The Rev. J. Goos, Spruce Grove, Alberta, Vice-President; the Rev. J. Hensen, Leduc, Alberta, Secretary; Mr. Bredt, Regina, Sas., Treasurer.

The "Synodalbote" is the organ of the Synod. The Rev. J. Goos was re-elected as editor. There are at present 16 pastors belonging to the Synod with 60 congregations, that number 8,500 souls (against 6,000 two years ago); 4,500 communicants; 717 children were baptized, while the number of funerals was 112. Sunday-schools have been organized in all congregations, which are visited by 1,200 children. It may be mentioned that the Synod is divided into three conference districts, the Manitoba, the Saskatchewan, and the Alberta District. While the Synod will meet from now on only every two years, the district conferences will meet in the intervening years. All in all the Synod enjoys a steady growth and is making progress in spite of many setbacks and difficulties. Next to God we owe our growth and progress to the indefatigable work and care of the honorable German Home Mission Board of the General Council.

H. WALBAUM, *President.*

X. The Pacific Synod.

The fifth annual convention of the Pacific Synod was held in St. John's Church, Tacoma, Washington, June 28 to July 3, 1905. Rev. J. A. Leas was re-elected president, Rev. E. Meyer, secretary, and Mr. F. Ericson, treasurer. The total number of pastors is twelve. While two pastors removed from the bounds of Synod, one, Rev. George Yung, passed into the Church Triumphant; one, Rev. W. R. Kraxberger, was received by transfer, and one, Rev. W. I. Eck, was ordained by Synod; while a third is laboring in the bounds of the Synod though not a member. Synod reported a communicant membership of 1,021 (a gain of 300 during the year); baptized membership of 1,965; 638 children in the Sunday-school, and 71 in parochial schools.

The value of the parsonages is estimated at $14,400, the churches and chapels, $39,400, and the total expenditures for benevolence, $258.45.

The president reported that the Board of Publication had granted the Synod's request, and that a repository of Lutheran literature is now established in Portland, Ore., where a complete line of Lutheran Sunday-school material and other publications is now on hand. A review of the field shows a wholesome increase in activity and hopefulness. One new mission field has been occupied during the year, viz., Eugene, Ore., where, since Synod, a congregation has been organized by Rev. Wm. Roehmer.

The principal subject of importance considered by the Synod was the projected Theological Seminary in connection with the General Synod, which will probably be located at Berkeley, Cal. After consideration of the project by committees representing both Synods, our Synod finally adopted the following resolutions:

1. That we heartily favor the immediate founding of the proposed Theological Seminary of the Pacific Coast.

2. That we pledge our moral support.

3. That we pledge such annual financial support as we may be able to raise.

4. That we make each Christmas season a time for special offerings for such purpose.

5. That the President appoint a committee of which he shall be chairman, of equal number with the southern committee, with power to act in connection with the men appointed by the California Synod.

6. That co-operation in this matter be conditioned on equal representation on the Board of Directors.

7. That the delegate to the General Council be hereby instructed to present the matter to that body, and solicit an equal interest with that of the General Synod.

A committee of ladies was also appointed to organize a synodical ladies' missionary society.

The next convention will be held in Zion's Church, Oregon City, Ore., beginning June 20, 1906 J. A. Leas, *President.*

XI. The Synod of New York and New England.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England has held two conventions since the meeting of the General Council at Norristown in 1903. The third annual convention was held September 20-22, 1904, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City, the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., pastor, and the fourth convention was held June 20-22, 1905, in the Church of the Redeemer, Syracuse, N. Y., the Rev. U. J. Klingensmith, pastor.

The great question of Home Missions continues to absorb the attention of the Synod. New work was begun in six fields during the biennium. Fourteen of our congregations are missions, three of them being supported by the General Council's Board and the remainder by the Synod and its congregations. Our field is very extensive and promising, and gives evidence of increasing fruitfulness. Our resources are comparatively small. Very few of our congregations have outgrown the weakness of infancy. Nearly a third of our parishes are missions and another third are not far beyond the mission stage. Nevertheless there has been a gratifying increase in interest and in gifts, both for the Synod's work and for the general work of the church, as the statistical statement shows.

The Synod has also interested itself in the work of education. Accepting an invitation to that effect from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, it is now officially represented in the management of Muhlenberg College and Mt. Airy Seminary. At the Syracuse convention steps were taken to establish two scholarships for the benefit of candidates for the ministry, one at Muhlenberg College and the other at Mt. Airy Seminary.

The number of organized congregations has increased during the biennium from 42 to 45. Three candidates have been ordained and six pastors received from other Synods. Five pastors have been honorably dismissed. Four new church edifices have been consecrated, two of them, the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, and the Church of the Hol yTrinity, Buffalo, deserving to be ranked as among the finest church buildings in the General Council.

The officers of Synod are: President, the Rev. William F. Bacher, 30 Rogers St., Kingston, N. Y.; Secretary, the Rev. A. Steimle, 298 Cumberland St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y.

The following statistics will show the growth of the Synod during the biennium:

	1903.	1905.
Congregations	42	45
Membership	11,208	13,740
Accessions	1,299	1,637
Losses	360	618
Infant baptisms	589	679
Sunday-school Enrollment	9,979	11,522
Contributed for current expenses	$67,787.85	$84,970.23

Benevolent Contributions:	1903.	1905.
Synodical Apportionment	$ 1,573 80	$ 2,164 78
Foreign Missions	1,533 18	1,574 30
General Council Home Missions	1,384 40	1,590 75
Church Extension	420 77	1,074 66
Education	197 00	446 76
Orphans	472 70	619 11
Other objects	3,005 37	5,227 98
Totals	$ 8,587 22	$12,698 34

The fifth convention will be held June 12, 1906, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.

WILLIAM F. BACHER, *President.*

XII. The Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Second Annual Convention was held in Mt. Calvary Church, W. Northfield, June 30 to July 3, 1904; the third in St. Matthew's Church, Rose Bay, N. S., June 29 to July 2, 1905. The present officers are: Rev. L. M. McCreery, Bridgewater, President; Rev. C. H. Little, New Germany, Secretary; and Rev. W. M. Weaver, Lunenburg, Treasurer. There are 6 pastors, 6 parishes, 24 congregations, 2,528 communicants, 17 Sunday-schools, and 1,118 scholars in the same. For beneficence there was paid during the past Synodical year, $1,112.88, and for local purposes, $8,011.80. An apportionment of $560 was laid for Synodical Home Missions. Bethany Orphans' Home at Bridgewater, N. S., Rev. C. B. Lindtwed, manager, is maintained by Synod. Action on the Unification Plan (General Council Home Missions) was deferred. A manuscript copy of the History of the Lutheran Church in Nova Scotia, by the Rev. D. Luther Roth, D.D., is held for future publication. With Synodical aid a Cossman Memorial Church has been erected at New Germany, N. S. The next convention will be held at Mahone Bay, N. S.

LUTHER M. MCCREERY, *President.*

REPORTS OF OFFICIAL VISITORS TO OTHER BODIES.

Reports were received from the various Official Visitors to other Bodies, and were ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he attended the late Convention of the General Synod, held at Pittsburgh, Pa., June 14-21, as delegate from the General Council to that Body, and

was received with most cordial greeting and manifestation of fraternal regard and esteem.

In the response of President D. H. Bauslin, D.D., to the address of your delegate, and in all action taken pertaining to the continued fraternal relations and co-operation of that Body with this—as well as in the conservative position maintained in matters pertaining to the doctrine and cultus of the Lutheran Church —the spirit manifested at this Convention of the General Synod was most gratifying.

The next Convention will be held at Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday after Whitsunday, A. D. 1907, and it is recommended that the exchange of fraternal delegates be continued.

JACOB FRY.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

The Ninth Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South was held in Emmanuel and St. Matthew's churches, New Market, Va., July 27-31, 1904. As the representative of the General Council, your visitor was accorded the privileges of the floor and given an opportunity in addition to bearing your greetings, to address the Convention on matters of common interest to the Lutheran Church in this land.

The following Synods constitute that body: North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Mississippi, Georgia and the Holston Synod, thus covering, practically, the entire South, yet, as a matter of fact, at great and irregular distances.

The chief subjects before this Convention were the work of Missions, Home and Foreign; Education, Theological and Collegiate, and, in addition, that of young women; Orphans' Home, Sunday-school, Church Papers, and efforts and agencies looking toward greater unity.

The Home Missions of the United Synod extend over the entire South; but the field is too large and the established congregations are too few and feeble to render the aid that is needed for aggressive work. Thus great opportunities are lost, and the Church suffers from lack of means to enter fast-growing centers and give our Church the advantage of the flood-tide of

events. Again and again the wish was expressed, If only the General Council could reach into the far South, as she does into the far East, the far North, and the far West!

The foreign field of the Synod South, in Japan, has been well manned and is remarkably well sustained, when we consider the vast home work that the Synod has on hand. So great is the zeal, that one of the congregations, which would be but an average one with us, furnishes the entire support of $1,000 for one of the missionaries; at the same time, doing its full share toward the home work.

Along educational lines, the Synod has not been remiss, but counts her schools among the best in the South. For the education of their daughters, they are furnishing far better facilities than we of the North; a lesson which we should not be slow to learn, and whose importance must be apparent to any one who gives the matter but a passing thought.

A great onward movement was effected at that Convention, by the consolidation of its Church Paper enterprises, thus fusing into one The Lutheran Visitor, Our Church Paper, and, it was hoped, The Southern Lutheran. This, it was felt, would give the Church one strong organ, as well as furnish a new bond of union to the entire Church of the South.

The Committee on Sunday-school Literature presented a thorough report, outlining the work of the Charleston Conference, at which Dr. Schmauk, of the General Council, Dr. Dunbar, of the General Synod, and Dr. Scherer, of the Synod of the South, took up the entire subject of Sunday-school supplies. The result was the co-operation of the Synod in the production of the Picture Charts, and action looking to the publication of a "common Sunday-school literature."

The Convention was crowded with work of a progressive and aggressive nature; its business was transacted with a marked degree of earnestness, enthusiasm and unanimity; while back of it all was apparent a strength of purpose which insured the speedy consummation of every enterprise.

If your visitor be allowed to touch upon a matter of sentiment, he would recall the fact that New Market was the birthplace of the first English Edition of the Symbolical Books; and that the old hand-press, from which folio by folio it was issued, is still in

the possession of the Henkel family, together with many other relics of the early Lutheran Church in the South.

The Rev. J. C. Moser, D.D., was appointed visitor to this Convention of the General Council, with Rev. L. A. Fox, D.D., as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Whitteker.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE IOWA SYNOD.

The venerable Synod of Iowa celebrated its fiftieth anniversary August 24-30, 1904, in the City of Dubuque, Iowa. It was my privilege and honor to attend this celebration as the official delegate of the General Council. Dubuque is no mean city. Its inhabitants maintain "Of all that is good, Iowa affords the best—and Dubuque is the key city of Iowa." It certainly proved to be the key city in the history of the Iowa Synod; for in the providence of God half a century ago several missionaries of our Church were led to this place as to their strategic center, in order to take possession of this region and the adjoining States and Territories for Christ and the Lutheran Church. It was an heroic undertaking, but they were heroic men, typical pioneers; and if it is said of Archimedes, who brandishing his lever proclaimed that if you would give him a point to stand on, he would move the world, so these men only asked for an opportunity to begin, never doubting the ultimate triumph of their cause. The names of these men are worthy to go on record: Grossmann, the Fritschels, Deindörfer. These four men organized the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa," consisting of four pastors, two congregations, and about fifty communicants. That was fifty years ago, and at the event of the Golden Jubilee last year the statistics of the Synod were reported as follows: Congregations, 886; ministers, 473; teachers in parochial schools, 49; communicant members, 100,000.

The Synod extends territorially from Puget Sound to Lake Erie, and from Canada to Texas. It is divided into seven districts. Each district has a meeting annually, whilst the Joint Synod meets every three years. The pride of the Synod is the Wartburg Theological Seminary, at Dubuque, an institution well

equipped and having a strong faculty at its head. In addition to the Seminary, the Synod also has two colleges, one in Clinton, Iowa, and the other in Brenham, Texas; also a Teachers' Seminary, in Waverly, Iowa. It has three orphanages, at Waverly, Muscatine, Iowa, and at Toledo, Ohio; and an Old Folks' Home, at Muscatine, Iowa. The Synod has a Publishing House, at Chicago, with a branch at Waverly; also an excellent official paper, "The Kirchenblatt."

But the most important activity of the Iowa Synod from its very beginning to this day, and never in such magnitude as today, is the work of Home Missions. Every pastor of the Iowa Synod seems to be a missionary, body and soul, and *qualis rex, talis grex;* so also the congregations, these having contributed for Mission purposes during the past two years the sum of $143,993, which will seem all the greater when it is remembered that the average salary of the ministers in the Iowa Synod amounts to about $450. This reminds us of conditions in the early Church, when—as a Church-father described it—the Church vessels were of wood, but the ministers of gold.

Of the four orginal founders of the Iowa Synod only the Rev. J. Deindörfer, D.D., survives. He is the living chronicle of the Synod and at the same time its worthy and highly-prized patriarch. Because of his advanced years, Dr. Deindörfer wished to retire from office as President two years ago, but was persuaded to serve until the Jubilee Convention, which marked an epoch not only in the history of the Synod, but also of his life. He attended to all preparations for the celebration, not only writing a brief history of the Iowa Synod, but also preparing a very elaborate *"Denkschrift,"* in which he presents the doctrinal standpoint of the Iowa Synod, rehearsing the confessional conflicts of the past, showing the historic status of the present, and indicating the mission of the Synod in the future.

It was the one bitter drop in the otherwise unmixed cup of joy of the Jubilee Celebration that the venerable and beloved President, on account of his feeble condition, could not be present. We visited him after the Convention in his peaceful Tusculum at Waverly, and conveyed to him the heartiest congratulations and best wishes of the brethren of our constituency.

The fact that the Iowa Synod does not take an isolated position,

separated from the Church at large, was clearly shown by the presence of several official delegates from home and abroad. Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., brought the greetings of the Augustana Synod. Missions Inspector Martin Deintzer was present as representative of the Missionsanstalt in Neuendettelsau, Germany, as also of the "Gesellschaft für Innere und Aeussere Mission im Sinne der Lutherischen Kirche in Bavaria." Besides him another had appeared as an official visitor from the Fatherland, namely Pastor Pamperrien, the representative of the Mecklenburger Gotteskasten. Both came with handsome jubilee gifts amounting to thousands of dollars. In addition to these delegates came also your humble servant as representative of the General Council to be received with no less courtesy and cordiality, than if he too bore substantial tokens of fraternity, instead of simple but no less brotherly and sincere words of congratulation. I also presented the letter of our esteemed President, which could not help but make a deep impression and was received with the liveliest satisfaction.

The Iowa Synod, although possessing a strong and well pronounced individuality, inspired by its heroic past, devotedly attached to its leaders and fathers and enthusiastically conscious of its peculiar mission in the future—still cherishes a high regard and true brotherly spirit toward the General Council, conscious of that unity of faith which in the words of our Augsburg Confession "satis est" for a hearty understanding and brotherly cooperation in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

Very respectfully,

G. C. BERKEMEIER.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE ICELANDIC SYNOD.

Moline, Ill., Sept. 14, 1905.

To the Reverend President of the General Council:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR: As the Official Visitor of the General Council to the Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in America, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, June, 1904, I was present and presented the greetings of the Council. I was received with much cordiality by the President of the Synod and the entire body. My greetings were received in a way that certainly betok-

ened a friendly feeling towards the General Council. Although not yet organically connected with the Council, it is evident that it is the desire of the Icelandic Synod to be in close and brotherly relation with the General Council. Your visitor was most favorably impressed with the activity characterizing the Synod in its growing work. And it is the fond hope of your visitor that this active body of true Lutherans may soon come into organic union with the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. JOHNSTON.

REPORT OF THE OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNITED DANISH CHURCH.

As the representative of the General Council I spent a day in June, 1904, with the United Danish Church, which met at St. Ansgar's College, Hutchinson, about forty-five miles west of St. Paul, Minn., and found the college building and the Danish homes filled with clergy, lay delegates, and visitors, who came in great throngs as to a mass meeting. While the members of Synod wrestled with questions of education and home missions in the college chapel, devotional services with the preaching of the Word were held, with a thronged congregation, in the town church.

The Danish people are so widely scattered throughout our land as to make their missionary problems more difficult than among either of the other Scandinavian nationalities.

Your delegate was most cordially received, and, in view of the fact that the young Danes are in the period of transition, he deemed it fitting in his address to call special attention to the Graded Sunday-school System of the General Council.

WILLIAM K. FRICK.

APPORTIONMENT FOR EXPENSES.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the English Recording Secretary be instructed to apportion the necessary expenses of the General Council among the Synods.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. G. F. Berkemeier and the Rev. Carl Goedel were added to the Committee on Inner Missions.

After prayer by the Rev. Ernest F. Bachmann, of Buffalo, N. Y., the Council adjourned until 7.45 p. m.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 17, 7.45 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Franklin K. Bernd. Owing to the continued illness of the President, the chair was occupied by Vice-President Oswald to the end of the Convention.

The Minutes of the Ninth Session were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee to nominate the Slovak Board was received and action deferred. Also the Report of the Committee to nominate the Committee on Sunday-school Work. In this connection, on motion of the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, it was

Resolved, That we learn with sincere regret that two of the faithful and able members of this committee, Rev. Drs. Weidner and Geissinger, are still suffering from overwork in the discharge of their laborious duties. Their names have been continued on this committee, not with any desire to add to their labors, but with the earnest hope and prayer that the great Head of the Church will speedily restore them to perfect health and vigor for the glory of His name and the extension of His kingdom.

The Report of the Committee to nominate the Committee on Conference and Practical Co-operation with General Bodies reported, and action on the report was deferred.

The Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth presented the final

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON JEWISH WORK.

The Committee of Correspondence on Jewish Mission Work respectfully reports, that no meeting of the Committee has been held; so many of its members not being present at this Convention of the General Council.

Among our Norwegian brethren in the United States there is a society known as the "Jews of Zion Association," which receives the voluntary co-operation of many friends of Israel in the Augustana Synod and elsewhere. The "Lutheraneren" gives the second year's report of Missionary Heiman, which is submitted as a picture of how the work is conducted at the Chicago Station; incidentally also showing the difficulties and the needs in Jewish Mission Work: Jews visited, 742; addressed on the streets, etc.,

1,730; visits by Jews in the mission house, 602; at the missionary's house, 23; Saturday and Sunday services, 512; regularly instructed (4 to 6 times a week amounting to 22 hours), 26; baptized, 1. Books were distributed as follows: Bibles, Hebrew, 6; Jargon, 4; German, 3; English, 3; French, 1; New Testaments, Hebrew, 365; Jargon, 520; German, 24; English, 6; Russian, 2; Epistle to the Romans in Hebrew with commentary, 3; Epistle to the Hebrews, same style, 3; Bible Histories, 15; Luther's Catechism, 23; prayer books, 19; Kirchenbuch, 2; Way of Salvation, 2; tracts, over 700. To this add the finding of employment and charitable help for those without means.

Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., No. 2823 Princeton Ave., Chicago, Ill., is the treasurer of this association.

Your committee commends this "Zion's Association" as a worthy channel through which any donor may assist in the Jewish mission work.

With this report your Committee also requests to be discharged.

H. W. Roth, *Chairman.*
F. W. Oswald.
C. A. Evald.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be adopted and the Committee on Jewish work discharged.

The Auditing Committee for the Treasurer's Report reported, and their report was adopted. See Treasurer's Report, Eighth Session.

Rev. Dr. Nicum presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics presents the following summary of the statistics of the Synods and institutions connected with the General Council:

For the year 1904, 12 Synods, 1,376 ministers, 2,170 congregations and 388,282 communicant members; 651 parochial schools, with 730 teachers, and 27,151 pupils; and 1,847 Sunday-schools, with 25,229 officers and teachers, and 222,407 scholars. The benevolent contributions amounted to $368,954.39.

For the year 1905, 12 Synods, 1,429 ministers, 2,219 congregations and 395,002 communicant members; 652 parochial schools, with 681 teachers and 25,829 pupils; and 1,204 Sunday-schools, with 26,237 officers and teachers, and 230,284 scholars. The benevolent contributions amounted to $374,590.64.

The statistics for the year 1905, although incomplete, show an increase over those of 1903 of 2 Synods, 78 ministers, and 12,313 communicant members, and in benevolence of $52,639.51. The statistics of parochial and Sunday-schools for the year 1905 are still too incomplete to enable us to make a comparison.

Of the 17 educational institutions, 3 are theological seminaries, with property valued at $416,000; endowment, $207,000; volumes in libraries, 31,800; and 15 professors and 197 students; 7 colleges, with property valued at $917,142; endowment, $291,800; volumes in libraries, 58,894, and 135 professors and 2,071 students; 6 academies, with property valued at $131,000; endowment, $500; volumes in libraries, 36,400; and 28 instructors and 513 students; one school for girls, with 12 instructors and 60 pupils. This presents a total value of property amounting to $1,464,142, endowment, $499,300, volumes in libraries, 95,294, and 190 professors and instructors, and 2,841 students.

Of the 27 charitable institutions, 4 are hospitals, 11 orphans' homes, 4 homes for the aged, 5 immigrant and seamen's missions, and 3 deaconess institutions, with property valued at $1,234,000 and $61,000 of endowment.

The estimated value of the property and endowment of the 44 institutions under the care of the Synods connected with the General Council aggregate $3,258,440.00. Add to this the benevolent contributions of the congregations during the last biennium and the total amounts to $3,633,030.64.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. OCHSENFORD,
JOHN NICUM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report be accepted and entered on the Minutes, and the committee continued.

The Rev. Dr. Spaeth presented the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Since the last Convention of the General Council no Convocation of Church musicians has been held. The arrangements had all been made, the program determined, and the speakers selected, for a meeting in Allentown, but owing to extensive repairs in St. John's Church the Convocation had to be postponed.

A number of choir-pieces have been selected and arranged with English text to be published by our Board of Publication, in accordance with the action of the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SPAETH, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. G. W. Sandt presented the

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVARIUS.

Your archivarius, appointed at the meeting of the General Council in Norristown, Pa., in 1903, begs leave to report that thus far the only documents in possession of the Council are:

1. The minutes in manuscript form, substantially bound in two volumes, of the conventions from 1886 to 1897.
2. A manuscript copy of the charter of the General Council.
3. The written statement of an appeal of the Lutheran congregation at Rockford, Ill., to the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council.
4. A letter of Rev. Dr. Krotel addressed to Dr. C. W. Schaeffer concerning the paying of the traveling expenses of the delegate of the Texas Synod to the General Council.

These are stored in the archives of the Pennsylvania Ministerium at Mt. Airy Seminary, of which Prof. Dr. Fry is custodian.

During the past year an effort was made by your archivarius to secure complete files of the minutes of the various Synods belonging to the General Council and a letter was addressed to the presidents of the Synods with that end in view; but thus far the only response has come from the secretary of the Canada Synod.

A file of the minutes of the Pittsburg Synod, dating back to the year 1845, has been kindly donated by the Rev. G. W. Critchlow,

of New Brighton, Pa., and is a valuable addition to our archives, for which the donor deserves the Council's sincere gratitude.

Your archivarius would recommend that the General Council take some action that may tend to secure the co-operation of all the Synods in securing for the archives speedily files of their minutes up to date and in the future, and such other manuscripts and documents as are of special interest to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. SANDT, *Archivarius.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Archivarius be received and adopted with thanks to him for the faithful discharge of his duties, and to the donor for the Pittsburgh Synod Minutes.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the District Synods of the General Council endeavor to furnish to the General Council a complete file of the Minutes of their Synods.

REPORT ON FILE OF MINUTES.

To the Members of the General Council:

In accordance with the instruction given at the Norristown Convention, the English Secretary endeavored to secure a complete file of the Minutes of the General Council for the use of this body at its conventions, and succeeded in securing copies of the proceedings of all the conventions, except those of the year 1889. Failure to secure this copy prevented him from carrying out the other part of the instructions, namely, to have them bound for the use of the Council. The copies secured by him are herewith placed at the disposal of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. OCHSENFORD, *Eng. Rec. Sec'y.*

Allentown, Pa., Oct. 6, 1905.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the above report be received and entered on the Minutes.

ACTION ON THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Report of the Trustees, received at the Eighth Session, was taken up, and the following action was had:

Item 1, with reference to Letter of Attorney to Dr. Harpster, approved.

Under item 2, it was

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board be instructed to take steps to secure a Charter.

Item 3. Action with reference to Aspen Street property approved.

Under item 4, with reference to copyrights, it was, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann,

Resolved, That the action with reference to the "Kirchenbuch" be approved, and that the Trustees be authorized to transfer other copyrights in their possession to the Board of Publication.

The Report was then adopted as a whole, and a Committee appointed to nominate Trustees. Committee: Rev. Dr. Horine, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and Rev. Dr. Mechling.

The Rev. Alfred Appell presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

(The Augustana Synod's Missions.)

The Home Mission work is beyond doubt the most important work of the Augustana Synod. The magnitude and importance of the work becomes apparent when one considers that in every State and Territory of the Union and the Dominion of Canada there are large numbers of Swedes, in many States numbering scores and even hundreds of thousands, and scores of thousands are coming to our shores from the old Home Land every year. With few exceptions they have all been born and trained in Lutheran homes, and their spiritual wants should, therefore, be attended to by the Lutheran Church. For this work the Swedish language must in the main be used. The Augustana Synod is the only Lutheran body in America using that language. Hence the great burden and responsibility resting upon the Synod.

At present the Synod is carrying on this work in thirty-five of the States and Territories of the Union and in six of the Provinces and Territories of the Dominion of Canada.

This work is done principally by the eight Conferences into which the Synod is divided. Six of the States and Territories, viz: Florida, Alabama, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and Alaska, lie without the bounds of the Conferences, and in these the work is done directly by the Synod. The Florida field is entrusted to Rev. A. J. Stenwall, stationed at Pierson, with preaching places at DeLand, Upsala, and other points. Rev. H. F. H. Hartelius has charge of the work in Alabama. He is stationed at Thorsby, Ala., but preaches also at Fruithurst, Silver Hill, Birmingham, and at Swea in northwestern Florida.

Five missionaries are now engaged in the work in Montana: Rev. P. A. Fair in Helena, Rev. J. W. Nyvall in Butte, Rev. Herman Lind in Anaconda, Rev. C. T. Carlson in Great Falls, and Rev. A. P. G. Anderson in Missoula. At all these places, except Great Falls, congregations are organized, and the first three have also church edifices. Work is also conducted in other portions of the State, as at Bozeman, Hamilton, Bonner, Livingstone, and other places.

The work in Utah is carried on by three missionaries: Rev. Emanuel Rydberg, Salt Lake City; Rev. O. A. Elmquist, Ogden; Rev. Charles Pehrson, Bingham Canyon. Services are also conducted at Park City, Eureka, Provo, and Santaquin. Some of the work in Utah is done in the English language.

Rev. C. E. Bengtson is the only ordained minister on the field in Idaho, but he has been assisted by theological students. During the past summer Mr. A. H. Franzen has assisted in southern and Mr. Harold Johnson in northern Idaho. The chief congregations and mission stations are Idaho Falls, Shelley, Payette, Pocatello, and Boise City.

Rev. J. A. Levin has labored faithfully and successfully at Douglas Island in Alaska during the past two years. A beautiful church edifice has been erected, is completed and is free of encumbrances.

The Synod also conducts immigrant missions in New York City and Boston, Rev. A. B. Lilja serving as missionary in the former and Rev. C. W. Andeer in the latter place.

For the support of this work the Synod's Mission Board has paid out of its treasury during the past two years the sum of $23,700.94, and the various Conferences for the work within their bounds during the same period $75,374.88, and the Synod and Conferences together $99,075.82.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Foss, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 10, 1905.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Swedish Home Mission report be received and entered upon the Minutes, and that the General Council rejoices in the success of the work.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, the following action was taken on a

DIGEST OF OFFICIAL ACTION.

WHEREAS, The Constitution, Standing Resolutions and matured Decisions of this General Council, and the Rules regulating its Boards and Committees are scattered through the proceedings of thirty conventions,

Resolved, That measures be taken for the gathering and publishing of a digest of all material of permanent force and validity in a volume to be known as "The General Council Book."

2. That a committee be appointed to gather and edit the material, and that, when the copy is ready it shall be submitted to the President and surviving Presidents of the General Council for their approval, and when endorsed and approved by them and the Board of Publication, it be published at the expense of the General Council.

3. That every effort be made to have the volume in print before the next convention.

The motion was adopted, the President to appoint the Committee.

The President subsequently appointed:

COMMITTEE ON DIGEST.

Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D., Chairman.
" Samuel Laird, D.D.
" A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" J. Nicum, D.D.
Rev. Prof. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.
" Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.,LL.D.
" W. K. Frick, D.D.
" H. H. Bruning, D.D.
" H. A. Weller.

The Committee to nominate Trustees reported. Their Report was accepted, and action deferred. Also, the Report of the Committee to nominate the Immigrant Board.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Kunzmann, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take under consideration the advisabiblity of locating one of the General Boards in Chicago.

The President subsequently reported as the Committee:

COMMITTEE TO LOCATE A GENERAL CHURCH BOARD IN CHICAGO.

Rev. Mattis C. Ranseen, D.D., Chairman.
" L. G. Abrahamson, D.D., R.N.O.
" J. Lawson Smith, D.D.
" Prof. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
" E. C. J. Kraehling.
" Albert F. Siebert.
" Prof. George H. Gerberding, D.D.
Rev. G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" William K. Frick, D.D.
" Prof. Elmer F. Krauss, D.D.
" Austin D. Crile.
" Luther Hogshead.
" Henry O. Lindeblad.
Oren J. Waters, M.D.
Mr. James Snyder.
Gilbert Seashore, M.D.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the General Council offers its sincere sympathy to its President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D., in his illness, and prays God that he may be restored speedily to full health and vigor.

On motion of the Rev. Luther Hogshead, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay one-half of the expenses of the delegate of the Pacific Synod in attending this convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Siebert, it was

Resolved, That ten dollars be appropriated for sexton's services at this convention.

The Council then elected the following

OFFICIAL VISITORS.

To General Synod:
Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., Primarius.
Rev. W. J. Miller, D.D., Secundus.

To United Synod of the South:
Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., Secundus.

To German Iowa Synod:
Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. Prof. G. H. Gerberding, D.D., Secundus.

To Icelandic Synod:
Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D., Primarius.
Rev. Peter Peterson, Secundus.

To United Danish Church:
Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Primarius.
Rev. G. H. Trabert, D.D., Secundus.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, it was

Resolved, That the President be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the expenses of the Official Visitors to other Lutheran Bodies.

The Reports of the Nominating Committees were then taken up, and the following elections took place:

BOARDS.

1. Board of English Home Missions.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" W. F. Bacher.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
" S. A. Repass, D.D.
" F. J. F. Schantz, D.D.
" O. P. Smith, D.D.
" I. Chantry Hoffman.
" H. A. Weller.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq.
Prof. L. M. Haupt, Sc.D.
Mr. F. D. Bittner.
" W. H. Hager.
" A. G. Saeger.
" Wm. Hengerer.
" F. P. D. Miller.
" A. C. Albrecht.

2. Board of German Home Missions.

Rev. Emil C. J. Kraehling.
" F. Holter.
" D. W. Peterson.
" J. J. Kuendig, D.D.
" G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.
" C. G. Fischer.
" August Fischer.
" J. Nicum, D.D.

Rev. E. Hoffmann.
Mr. F. Kracke.
" M. Wulff.
" Wm. P. N. Braun.
" G. Spreckel.
" G. F. Anger.
" G. Dopslaff.

3. Board of Swedish Home Missions.

(Augustana Synodens Missionsstyrelse.)

Rev. E. Norelius, D.D.
" S. P. A. Lindahl, D.D.
" C. E. Lindberg, D.D.
" L. G. Abrahamson, D.D.
" L. A. Johnston, D.D.

Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D.
" I. M. Anderson.
Mr. A. P. Söderquist.
" Andrew Peterson.

4. Board of Foreign Missions.

For Four Years.

Rev. Edward E. Sibole, D.D.
" R. C. G. Bielinski.
" Edward T. Horn, D.D.
" C. E. Slaett.
Mr. W. F. Monroe.
Samuel G. Seiple, M.D.
Mr. James N. Snyder.
P. A. Rydberg, Ph.D.

For Two Years (to fill vacancies).

Rev. Gustaf Nelsenius.
" J. A. Weyl.
Rev. Andrew S. Fichthorn.
Mr. Chas. B. Opp.

5. Porto Rico Board.

Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.
" J. L. Smith, D.D.
" Edmund Belfour, D.D.
" P. J. O. Cornell.
" A. F. Lundquist.
Mr. Thomas Lane.
" W. Warren Wattles.
" Wm. Steinmeyer.
" J. S. Seaman.

6. Board of Publication.

For Four Years.

Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D.
Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, LL.D.
Geo. E. Schlegelmilch, Esq.
Mr. James N. Mohr.
" Geo. D. Boschen.

7. Board of Immigrant Mission.

Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.
" A. Richter, D.D.
" J. J. Heischman, D.D.
" H. Beiderbecke.
" D. W. Peterson.
" J. C. R. Luehrs.
Rev. Wm. Ludwig.
Mr. Fr. Kracke.
" Charles D. Boschen.
" Peter Reppenhagen.
" Wm. C. Hauff.

8. Board of Slovak Missions.

Rev. J. O. Schlenker.
" A. L. Ramer, Ph.D.
" Wm. M. Rehrig, Ph.D.
" J. L. Smith, D.D.
" H. R. Erdmann.
Rev. C. T. Benze.
Mr. Chas. A. Worsley.
" W. S. Loucks.
" H. L. Hungerford.

9. Trustees of General Council.

For Two Years.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.

For Three Years.

E. Aug. Miller, Esq.
Mr. Wm. F. Monroe.
" Joseph A. Bremer.

For One Year (to fill vacancy).

Rev. E. E. Sibole, D.D.

COMMITTEES.

CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. Laird, D.D.
" H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
" G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.
" T. E. Schmauk, D.D.
" Geo. C. F. Haas, D.D.
Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" Edw. T. Horn, D.D.
" J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.
" Edwin F. Keever.
" Luther D. Reed.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D.
" J. E. Whitteker, D.D.
" Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.
" F. A. Kaehler, D.D.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" H. W. Roth, D.D.
" C. Armand Miller, D.D.
" G. W. Mechling, D.D.
Rev. D. H. Geissinger, D.D.
" J. C. F. Rupp.
" W. K. Frick, D.D.
" W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.
" Martin Noyd.
" C. A. Ewald, D.D.
" E. F. Bachmann.
Prof. Robert K. Buehrle, Ph.D.
" Claude W. Foss, Ph.D.

GERMAN SUB-COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Rev. Theo. E. Schmauk, D.D.
" Albert Steinhaeuser.
Rev. Prof. Wm. Wackernagel, D.D.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE AND PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION WITH GENERAL BODIES.

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.
" F. W. Oswald.
" F. A. Kaehler, D.D.
" M. C. Ranseen, D.D.
" W. J. Miller, D.D.
Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D.
" T. E. Schmauk, D.D.
C. E. Swingle, Esq.
Hon. C. R. Lantz.
J. Boyd Duff, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.
" T. E. Schmauk, D.D.
" H. E. Kraeling.
" Prof. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" J. A. W. Haas, D.D.
" G. W. Sandt, D.D.
" Prof. N. Forsander, D.D.
" Wm. A. Beates.
" Prof. P. A. Mattson, Ph.D.
" Prof. E. F. Pihlblad, Ph.D.
" Prof. L. H. Beck, Ph.D.
" Carl Goedel.
" Prof. C. Elvin Haupt, D.D.
Rev. Prof. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D.
" P. C. W. Wike.
" R. C. G. Bielinski.
" F. A. Kaehler, D.D.
" C. Armand Miller, D.D.
" Prof. G. A. Andreen, Ph.D.
Prof. R. K. Buehrle, Ph.D.
" W. M. Swingle, Ph.D.
" P. M. Magnusson, Ph.D.
Rev. Prof. O. J. Johnson.
Prof. A. C. Youngdahl.
Rev. G. F. Berkemeier, D.D.
" J. Nicum, D.D.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Frick, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Transportation Committee for the next Convention of the General Council.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Rev. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D.
" O. E. Pflueger.
Mr. Louis W. Kaufmann.
" Mr. Charles T. A. Anderson.

On motion of the Rev. H. A. Weller, it was

Resolved, That the President be authorized to appoint such other committees as have been authorized and overlooked.

The President subsequently made the following appointments:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" G. C. F. Haas, D.D.
" J. F. Ohl, Mus.D.
" H. H. Bruning, D.D.
" W. H. Rehrig, Ph.D.
" Th. W. Kretschmann, Ph.D.
Rev. C. F. Wm. Hoppe.
" F. K. Bernd.
Prof. C. A. Marks.
" Emanuel Schmauk.
" Wm. Benbow

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., General Council Representative.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING WESTERN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. George W. Mechling, D.D.
" S. Wagenhals, D.D.
" M. C. Ranseen, D.D.
" G. A. Andreen, D.D.
" E. F. Krauss, D.D.

COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

W. H. Staake, Esq.
Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D.
Mr. F. D. Bittner.
George M. Jones, Esq.
A. W. Geiger.
E. Aug. Miller, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS WORK.

Rev. Prof. Adolph Spaeth, D.D., LL.D.
" Jeremiah F. Ohl, Mus.D.
" Erik A. Fogelstroem.
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On motion of the Rev. Dr. Horn, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the General Council tenders the hearty thanks of its members to the pastor and the Church of the Redeemer for the courteous hospitality shown to the Council during its Convention in Milwaukee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Roth, it was

Resolved, That the determination of the place for the next Convention of the General Council be left to the President, the three Recording Secretaries and the Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Convention of the General Council begin on the second Thursday in September, 1907.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that the determination of the number of Minutes be left to the discretion of the President and the three Recording Secretaries.

The Minutes of the Tenth Session were read and approved.

At 11 o'clock on the evening of the sixth day of the Convention, the General Council adjourned, the brethren uniting in singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," and the Vice-President closing the Convention according to the prescribed Order of the Church Book.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.
"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

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Thursday Morning—Opening Service.

Confessional Service conducted by the Rev. Gottlieb C. Berkemeier, D.D., the Rev. Mahlon C. Horine, D.D., the Rev. Prof. Jacob P. Uhler, Ph.D., and the Rev. William J. Miller, D.D., followed by the Morning Service, conducted by the same.

Sermon by the President, the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D.D. Text, John 16:7-13, "The Spirit, the Church, and the Word, in their Work in God's World."

Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening—"The World for Christ."

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. M. Luther Zweizig, of Leechburg, Pa.

1. "The Situation Today in India," by the Rev. George Drach, General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

2. Address by the Rev. Henry E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D., President of the Board of Foreign Missions, commissioning the Rev. Olaus O. Eckardt and and the Rev. Oscar L. Larson as missionaries to India.

Friday Evening—"America for Christ."

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. Carl J. Soedergren, of Burlington, Iowa.

1. "Canada," by the Rev. John Nicum, D.D., Rochester, N. Y.

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Sunday Morning—Divine Service.

Liturgical Service, conducted by the Rev. Lawrence A. Johnston, D.D., Moline, Ill.

Sermon by the Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., Lancaster, Pa., on Pslam 11:3, "The Foundations."

Sunday Evening—Lutheran Mass Meeting (Held at Lincoln Hall.)

The Vesper Service conducted by the Pastor Loci. Music furnished by a chorus choir of Milwaukee Lutherans.

The President of the General Council presided.

General Theme: "Our Country for Christ."

1. "The Message and the Preaching of a Sound Gospel," by the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., New York.

2. "Reaching the Unsaved and the Depraved in our Land—the Field and the Methods of Inner Mission Work," by the Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., of Philadelphia.

3. "The Field and the Future of the Lutheran Church in America," by the Rev. Jacob C. Kunzmann, D.D., of Philadelphia, Superintendent of English Home Missions.

Monday Evening—"OUR CHURCH FOR CHRIST."

Liturgical Service conducted by the Rev. James F. Beates, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

1. "The Doctrine of the Lutheran Church Distinguished from the Ordinary American Christianity, and How It Makes for Christ," by the Rev. John E. Whitteker, D.D., of Lancaster, Pa.

2. "The Spiritual Power of the Scandinavian and German Elements in the Lutheran Church, and in Christianity," by the Rev. Pres. Gustav A. Andreen, Ph.D., of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

3. "The Position of the General Council in Its Wider Outlook in the Lutheran Church," by the Rev. George W. Sandt, D.D., Managing Editor of The Lutheran.

4. "The Ecclesiastical Position of the Lutheran Church in America," by the Rev. Hiram Peters, D.D., Decatur, Ill.

RECEPTION.

On Saturday evening, at Association Hall, a Reception was tendered to the General Council by the Church of the Redeemer and the Church of the Epiphany. The Rev. Frederick A. Kaehler, D.D., of Buffalo, presided. Addresses were also delivered by Prof. Lewis M. Haupt, Sc.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; President Ernst F. Pihlblad, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kan.; Rev. Alexander J. D. Haupt, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. Adolph Hult, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. H. A. W. Yung, Seattle, Wash.; and Rev. Henry W. Roth, D.D., Greenville, Pa.

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								Clerical.	Lay.....	Total...
1	1867	Ft. Wayne, Ind..	Rev. G. Bassler.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	G. Fritschel, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D.	11	34	15	49
2	1868	Pittsburgh, Pa...	C. W. Schaeffer, D.D....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. H. Muhlenberg, M.D.	12	33	22	55
3	1869	Chicago, Ill.....	G. F. Krotel, D.D.....	Rev. H. W. Roth.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	C. F. Norton, Esq.....	11	38	24	62
4	1870	Lancaster, Ohio..	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	11	32	20	52
5	1871	Rochester, N. Y..	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	30	20	50
6	1872	Akron, Ohio.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	27	14	41
7	1873	Erie, Pa.....	C. P. Krauth, D.D.....	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. G. W. Drees.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	9	38	25	63
8	1874	Jamestown, N.Y..	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson.....	S. Gross Fry, Esq.....	10	38	25	63
9	1875	Galesburg, Ill....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. C. H. Thomson.....	J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq.	10	35	18	53
10	1876	Bethlehem, Pa....	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	Rev. H Grahn.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	41	26	67
11	1877	Philadelphia, Pa..	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. S. Laird.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	39	27	66
12	1879	Zanesville, Ohio..	C. P. Krauth, D.D., LL.D.	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.....	Rev. J. C. Petersen.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	27	22	49
13	1880	Greensburgh, Pa..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	H. E. Jacobs, D.D.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	34	20	54
14	1881	Rochester, N. Y..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	E. F. Moldehnke, Ph.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	37	24	61
15	1882	Lancaster, Ohio..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	29	15	44
16	1883	New York, N. Y.	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. E. Belfour.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	44	25	69
17	1884	Monroe, Mich....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	47	19	66
18	1885	Philadelphia, Pa..	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	S. L. Harkey, D.D.....	Rev. F. W. Weiskotten...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	49	38	87
19	1886	Chicago, Ill.....	A. Spaeth, D.D.....	Rev. C. A. Swensson.....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	11	59	31	90
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21	1888	Minneapolis, Minn	J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D...	Rev. G. W. Mechling.....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	60	37	97
22	1889	Pittsburgh, Pa...	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.....	Rev. J. Nicum.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	57	34	91
23	1891	Buffalo, N. Y....	G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL.D.	Rev. G. W. Mechling.....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	63	45	108
24	1893	Ft. Wayne, Ind..	C. A. Swensson, Ph.D....	Rev. G. W. Mechling.....	Rev. J. Nicum, D.D.....	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	8	54	28	82
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26	1897	Erie, Pa.....	E. F. Moldehnke, D.D....	Rev. W. K. Frick.....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	71	44	115
27	1899	Chicago, Ill.....	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.....	Rev. W. K. Frick.....	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	9	91	49	140
28	1901	Lima, Ohio.....	M. C. Ranseen, D.D.....	S. E. Ochsenford, D.D....	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	10	87	49	136
29	1903	Norristown, Pa...	T. E. Schmauk, D.D.....	S. E. Ochsenford, D.D....	G. C. Berkemeier, D.D...	W. H. Staake, Esq.....	11	91	58	149
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2 Middle	Rev. P. W. Mueller	Rev. O. Lincke	Rev. O. Lincke	
3 Western	Rev. H. Wiegand	Rev. H. Henkel	Rev. H. Henkel	
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2. Southern	Rev. W. J. Seiberling	Rev. S. D. Myers	Rev. E. D. S. Boyer	
VIII..English Synod of the Northwest.	Rev. A. J. D. Haupt	Rev. C. L. Warstler	Hon. Chas. A. Smith, 412 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn., June 19.
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2. German.	Rev. B. Merz	Rev. W. J. Roehmer		
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2. Western	Rev. F. A. Kaehler	Rev. F. F. Fry	Rev. F. F. Fry	
XII..Synod of Nova Scotia.	Rev. L. M. McCreery	Rev. C. H. Little	Rev. W. M. Weaver, Lunenburg, N. S.	Mahone Bay, N. S., June 28.
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2. Southern	Rev. C. G. Beck	Rev. W. M. Weaver	Rev. W. M. Weaver	

6. STATISTICAL REPORT OF SYNODS AND INSTITUTIONS.

I. DISTRICT SYNODS.—1904.

No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	355	549	139,038	....	80	2,109	429	9,569	88,836	$122,059 66
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	150	114	31,076	30	50	1,584	143	2,409	22,369	32,676 60
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	132	187	28,209	....	....	.....	176	1,593	15,977	30,185 02
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	47	78	12,327	....	....	.....	72	1,064	7,635	9,828 80
5	Augustana Synod	1860	518	955	137,963	570	577	21,900	792	7,785	62,616	148,729 22
6	Canada Synod	1861	41	75	11,000	35	20	1,150	70	558	4,400	4,188 00
7	Chicago Synod	1871	37	52	5,138	1	1	24	41	551	4,694	5,848 35
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	19	22	3,504	....	....	.....	24	350	3,376	2,334 36
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	16	56	4,100	12	2	300	23	60	750	1,113 70
10	Pacific Synod	1901	13	16	721	3	....	90	16	48	515	314 00
11	New York and New England Synod	1902	41	43	12,691	....	....	.....	43	1,005	10,051	10,688 50
12	Nova Scotia Synod	1903	7	23	2,514	....	....	.....	18	137	1,188	988 18
	Total		1,376	2,170	388,282	651	730	27,157	1,847	25,229	222,407	$368,954 39

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No.	NAME.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions, Missions, etc.
1	Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	365	543	136,459	31	59	1,936	550	9,848	92,196	$115,136 65
2	Ministerium of New York	1773	149	133	33,566	32	46	1,594	143	3,233	27,684	36,249 33
3	Pittsburgh Synod	1845	137	185	28,461	....	....	.....	176	1,618	17,626	31,656 11
4	District Synod of Ohio	1857	43	77	13,187	....	....	.....	70	942	7,586	7,686 33
5	Augustana Synod	1860	547	993	142,790	....	544	20,870	800	8,749	65,118	160,043 98
6	Canada Synod	1861	40	75	12,000	40	22	1,200	65	525	4,500	5,000 00
7	Chicago Synod	1871	38	55	5,435	1	3	14	49	586	4,227	7,721 15
8	English Synod of the Northwest	1891	26	27	4,043	....	....	.....	29	374	3,606	3,061 94
9	Manitoba Synod	1897	18	61	4,585	3	3	135	46	97	864	635 15
10	Pacific Synod	1901	14	21	721	3	....	90	16	48	515	314 00
11	New York and New England Synod	1902	45	44	13,717	....	....	.....	43	1,040	10,535	12,497 79
12	Nova Scotia Synod	1903	6	24	2,528	....	....	.....	17	.....	1,118	1,212 88
	Total		1,428	2,231	397,492	110	677	25,859	2,004	27,061	235,579	$381,214 31

II. EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	PRESIDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Volumes in Library.	Professors.	No. of Students.	Students for Ministry.
1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Rev. Gustav Andreen, Ph.D.	.....	.....	.....	4	66	....
2	Chicago	1891	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. R. F. Weidner, D.D., LL.D.	175,000	.....	5,300	6	56	....
3	Philadelphia	1864	Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.	Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., LL.D.	421.000	207,000	26,500	5	75	....
	Total				$596,000	$207,000	31,800	15	197	....

COLLEGES.

1	Augustana	1860	Rock Island, Ill.	Prof. Gustav Andreen, Ph.D.	$250,000	$50,000	$20,500	36	470	....
2	Bethany	1881	Lindsborg, Kan.	Rev. Ernst F. Pihlblad	190,142	.....	10,000	50	959	....
3	Gustavus Adolphus	1867	St. Peter, Minn.	Rev. P. A. Mattson	100,000	.....	8,000	26	343	40
4	Muhlenberg	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Rev. J. A. W. Haas, D.D.	250,000	170,000	10,000	10	117	31
5	Thiel	1870	.....	.....	40,000	70,000	7,394	...	.....	....
6	Upsala	1893	Kenilworth, N. J.	Rev. L. H. Beck, Ph.D.	75,000	1,600	2,000	8	143	26
7	Wagner Memorial Lutheran	1883	Rochester, N. Y.	Rev. H. D. Kraeling	12,000	.....	1,000	5	39	39
	Total				$877,142	$221,600	51,500	135	2,071	136

ACADEMIES.

1	Allentown Preparatory School	1867	Allentown, Pa.	Prof. A. A. Kunkle, A.M.	.....	.....	.....	7	64	....
2	Colburn Academy	1900	Mulberry, Ind.	Prof. G. M. Moser	$ 800	.....	.....	2	23	2
3	Greensburg Seminary	1874	Greensburg, Pa.	Rev. W. H. Zuber, A.M.	30,000	.....	1,500	8	248	....
4	Luther Academy	1883	Wahoo, Neb.	Rev. O. J. Johnson	50,000	$500	3,000	11	192	6
5	Minnesota College	1904	Minneapolis, Minn.	Prof. P. M. Magnusson, Ph.D.	8,000	.....	.....	14	153	....
6	Northwestern College	1900	Fergus Falls, Minn.	Prof. A. C. Youngdahl	35,000	.....	600	7	146	....
	Total				$123,800	$500	5,100	49	826	8

LADIES' COLLEGES.

1	Cotta College	1897	Lancaster, Pa.	Prof. Wm. M. Moore, A.M.	.....	.....	.....	8	32	....
2	Girls' School (Drexel Home)	1890	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	600	12	60	....
	Total				.....	.....	600	20	92	....

HOSPITALS.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
1	Augustana	1884	Chicago, Ill.	Rev. M. Wahlstrom, Ph.D.	$250,000	.....	1,739
2	Bethesda	1880	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	84,000	$1,500	100
3	Children's	1889	Phila., Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	42
4	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	.....	.....	50
5	Milwaukee, The Passavant	1864	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	290,000	15,500	1,153
6	Passavant Memorial	1865	Chicago, Ill.	Mrs. O. J. Waters	150,000	10,000	103
7	Passavant Memorial	1875	Jacksonville, Ill.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	100,000	3,000	.....
8	Passavant	1849	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Rev. H. W. Roth, D.D.	100,000	.....	.....
	Total				$974,000	$30,000	3,187

ORPHANS' HOMES.

1	Bethany	1902	Bridgewater, N. S.	Mrs. Louisa Bowers	$3,000	.....	.....
2	Children's Friend	1904	Jersey City, N. J.	Rev. J. C. Rudluehrs	7,000	.....	20
3	Emmaus	1806	Middletown, Pa.	Rev. W. A. Croll	75,000	.....	35
4	Evangelical Lutheran	1859	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. C. G. Eisenhardt	175,000	60,000	118
5	Evang. Luth. Kan. Conference.	1880	Cleburne, Kan.	Mr. N. H. Youngberg	20,000	.....	33
6	Evang. Luth. St. John's	1864	Buffalo, N. Y.	Mr. Otto Ehlers	150,000	6,000	84
7	Gustavus Adolphus	1883	Jamestown, N. Y.	Mr. J. A. Swensson	44,000	.....	63
8	Home & Farm School	1852	Zelienople, Pa.	Rev. J. A. Kribbs	50,000	.....	86
9	Immanuel	1901	Omaha, Neb.	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	.....	.....	15
10	Lutheran	1896	Topton, Pa.	Rev. J. H. Raker	50,000	1,000	70
11	Swed. Luth & Indus. School	1891	Joilet, Ill.	Miss Frida Sehelander	25,000	.....	85
12	Swedish Evang. Lutheran	1872	Stanton, Iowa	Mr. C. G. Lind	27,815	.....	35
13	Swedish Lutheran	1868	Andover, Ill.	Rev. N. Gibson	35,000	.....	44
14	Vasa	1865	Vasa, Minn.	Rev. Jno. E. Hedberg	25,000	5,500	75
15	Wartburg Oph. Farm School	1866	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. C. G. Berkemeier, D.D.	500,000	.....	235
	Total				$1,186,815	$13,100	998

HOMES FOR AGED, ASYLUMNS, ETC.

1	Luth. Asylum for Aged, Infirm.	1859	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. C. G. Eisenhardt	$175,000	$60,000	46
2	Mary J. Drexel Home	1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	.....	.....	40
3	Mary Louise Memorial Home	1898	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, D.D.	.....	.....	24
4	Passavant Mem. Homes, Epilep	1895	Rochester, Pa.	Rev. F. W. Kohler	10,000	.....	44
5	Luth. Home for Aged, Infirm.	1896	Buffalo, N. Y.	Miss Louise E. Kaehler	8,000	7,000	27
6	Samaritan Shelter	1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	Mr. F. Andrea	10,000	.....	13,616
7	Luther Hospice	1903	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. F. N. D. Buchman	.....	.....	30
	Total				$211,000	$67,000	13,673

IMMIGRANT AND SEAMEN'S MISSIONS.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	No. of Inmates.
1	German Lutheran	1869	New York, N. Y.	Rev. G. Doering	$200,000	.....	.....
2	Phila. City Mission	1899	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. J. F. Ohl, Mus.D	.....	.....	.....
3	Seamen's	1904	Port of Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. Hans E. Meyer	.....	.....	.....
4	Swedish Lutheran	1902	Boston, Mass.	Rev. Carl W. Andeer	2,000	.....	.....
5	Swedish Lutheran	1895	New York, N. Y.	Rev. A. B. Lilja	.....	.....	.....
	Total				$202,000	.....	.....

DEACONESS MOTHERHOUSES.

No.	NAME.	Founded.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	Value of Property.	Amount of Endowment.	Deaconesses.
1	Bethesda	1902	St. Paul, Minn.	Rev. C. A. Hultkrans	$20,000	.....	16
2	Immanuel	1890	Omaha, Neb	Rev. E. A. Fogelstrom	70,000	.....	38
3	Mary J. Drexel Motherhouse	1888	Philadelphia, Pa.	Rev. C. Goedel	600,000	.....	72
4	Luth. Deaconess Motherhouse	1894	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rev. H. L. Fritschel	25,000	.....	36
	Total				$715,000	.....	162

RECAPITULATION.

	Property.	Endowment.	Students and Inmates.
18 Educational Institutions	$1,296,942	$429,100	3,200
35 Charitable Institutions	3,298,815	110,100	18,022
53 Institution Under General Council Influence	4,595,757	539,200	21,222

7. GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

1. SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Montreal, Can.	Redeemer	C. G. Beck	128	73	Ch. & Par.		$17,500
Boston, Mass.	St. Mark's	E. L. Miller	150	120	Church		25,277
Boston, Mass.	First Lettish	Rev. Steik	60	90			
New Britain, Conn.	English Luth.	M. J. Bieber (1)	20	32			
Hartford, Conn.		M. J. Bieber	15	25			
Newark, N. J.	Grace	M. S. Waters	219	175	Church		14,500
Anderson, Ind.	St. John's	Wm. J. Finck	89	78	Ch. & Par.		8,500
Chicago, Ill.	St. Luke's	M. E. Haberland	100	328	Ch. & Par.		11,000
Chicago, Ill.	Epiphany	L. J. Baker	65	127			
*Chicago, Ill.	St. John's	J. R. E. Hunt	126	128	Church		9,000
*Chicago, Ill.	Atonement	J. R. E. Hunt	40	82			
Austin, Ill.	Redeemer	A. C. Anda (2)	25	57			
Aurora, Ill.	Redeemer	A. C. Anda	35	24			
Detroit, Mich.	St. Paul's	J. A. Miller	45	112	Ch. & Par.		7,375
Detroit, Mich.	Christ	Wm. C. Miller	71	72			
Beloit, Wis.	Atonement	A. C. Anda	34	22			
Kenosha, Wis.	Grace	P. E. Baisler	157	260	Church		12,000
*Racine, Wis.	Holy Communion	G. F. Gehr	323	457	Church		9,000
*Milwaukee, Wis.	Redeemer	W. K. Frick, D.D.	434	224	Church		15,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	Epiphany	G. K. Rubrecht	58	83			3,000
Cedarburg, Wis.	Advent	A. C. Anda	38	60			
*La Crosse, Wis.	Trinity	A. C. Carty	127	215	Church		11,000
Superior, Wis.	Holy Trinity	Willis Beck	20	55			
Minneapolis, Minn.	St. Mark's	John Keeley	134	170	Church		4,500
*St. Paul, Minn.	St. James'	F. E. Beistel	136	245	Church		5,000
*St. Paul, Minn.	Trinity	C. L. Warstler	143	287	Church		4,250
St. Paul, Minn.	St. Stephen's	Beistel & Warstler		63			
*N. St. Paul, Minn.	St. Mark's	A. C. Petersen	127	100			
*Duluth, Minn.	St. John's	D. W. Michael	176	226	Ch. & Par.		9,000
Duluth, Minn.	Trinity	J. L. Murphy	32	72			
*Fargo, N. Dak.	St. Mark's	J. A. Zundel	150	195	Ch. & Par.		4,700
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	Redeemer	F. E. Jensen (3)	26	83			
Winnipeg, Man.	First English	F. E. Jensen	22	64			
Salt Lake City, Utah	Holy Trinity	H. A. Hauson	26	43	Ch. & Par.		6,000
Spanish Forks, Utah	English Lutheran	H. A. Hanson	38	25			
San Jose, Cal.	Immanuel's	Emil Meyer	52	109	Ch. & Par.		3,200
*The Dallas, Ore.	Zion	Wm. Brenner	92	104	Church		5,500
*Oregon City, Ore.	Zion	Geo. Yung, dec'd.	40	41	Ch. & Par.		1,800
Portland, Ore.	St. James'	J. A. Leas	206	96	Ch. & Par.		25,711
Vancouver, Wash.	St. Paul's	Walter I. Eck	39	37	Church		4,500
Tacoma, Wash.	St. John's	C. F. W. Stoever	93	78	Ch. & Par.		3,450
Everett, Wash.	St. Paul's	Theo. Schoenberg.	43	43			
Bellingham, Wash.	St. Mark's	Theo. Schoenberg.	46	44			
Seattle, Wash.	Holy Trinity	H. A. W. Yung	92	83	Church		8,000
Total	44.	35 missionaries.	4092	4326			$231,139

1, 2, 3, Field Missionaries.
*Transferred to Self-sustaining List during the Biennium under the Pastor named.

II. SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIONS.*

San Jose, Cal.		E. Meyer	138			
Morgan Hill, Cal.		E. Meyer	15			
Santa Cruz, Cal.		E. Meyer	20			
Medford, Oregon		F. Sack	160			
Lake Creek, Oregon		F. Sack				
Oregon City, Oregon		W. R. Kraxberger	42			
Macksburg, Oregon		B. Merz	96			
New Era, Oregon		B. Merz	34			
Meridian, Oregon		B. Merz	26			
Needy, Oregon		B. Merz	20			

*See the reference on page 149.

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Camas, Wash.		C. F. Boehner	60				
Hackinson, Wash.		C. F. Boehner					
Woodlawn, Wash.		C. F. Boehner					
Vancouver, Wash.		C. F. Boehner					
Nehalem, Ore.		W. J. Roehmer					
Dresden, N. Dak.		Th. Hempel	206				
Ottenheim, Ky.		C. J. Mehrtens	176				
Edmonton, Alta., Can.		Vacant	86				
Strathcona, Alta., Can.		M. Ruccius	148				
Hillsdale, Alta., Can.		M. Ruccius	40				
Glover Bar, Alta., Can.		M. Ruccius	24				
Leduc, Alta., Can.		J. Hensen	120				
Lutherhort, Alta., Can.		O. Mordhorst	100				
Bruederheim, Can.		A. Lilge	55				
Beaver Hills, Can.		A. Lilge	50				
Wetaskiwin, Alta., Can.		G. Weise, Sr.	388				
Red Deer Lake, Alta., Can.		F. Bredlow	176				
New Norway, Alta., Can.		F. Bredlow	20				
Pipestone, Alta., Can.		F. Bredlow	41				
Beaver Lake, Alta., Can.		F. Bredlow	19				
Gretna, Man., Can.		Geo. Runge	350				
Rosenfield, Man., Can.		Geo. Runge	150				
New Deutschland, Man, Can		Geo. Runge	85				
Morris, Man., Can.		Geo. Runge	35				
Rosthern, Sask., Can.		H. Walbaum	153				
Stony Hill, Sask., Can.		H. Walbaum	85				
Silver Grove, Sask., Can.		H. Walbaum	27				
Beausejour, Man., Can.		Vacant	85				
Greenbay, Man., Can.		Vacant	90				
Brokenhead, Man., Can.		Vacant	60				
Whitemouth, Man., Can.		Vacant	40				
Friedensthal, Man., Can.		H. Becker	338				
Niverville, Can.		H. Becker	104				
Overstone, Can.		H. Becker	50				
Pheasant Forks, Assa., Can.		R. Hauptmann	160				
Beaver Hills, Assa., Can.		R. Hauptmann	180				
Edenland, Assa., Can.		R. Hauptmann	210				
Louise Bridge, Man., Can.		Vacant	75				
Mable Lake, B. Columbia		F. Pempeit	79				
Vernon, British Columbia		F. Pempeit	27				
Total 50 missions.		19 missionaries.	4643				

III. SUPPORTED BY DISTRICT SYNODS.

1. AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Bangor, Me.						
Brownsville, Me.	Bethel	F. A. Pettersson				
Monson, Me.	Zion	F. A. Pettersson	55		Frame	$4,000
Portland, Me.	Immanuel	C. W. Andeer	60	19	Brick	11,000
Keene, N. H.						
Barre, Vt.						
Brattleboro, Vt.			82	32	Frame	2,500
Dorchester, Mass.		C. F. Johansson				
East Boston, Mass.	Trinity	C. W. Andeer	83	48	Lot	1,200
Gloucester, Mass.		P. Froehberg	20			
Hopkinson, Mass.						
Medford, Mass.						
Millville, Mass.	Gustaf Adolf	F. W. Lindstrom	98	55	Frame	4,000
New Bedford, Mass.						
Rockport, Mass.		P. Froehberg				
Somerville, Mass.						
Woburn, Mass.		E. C. Blomquist	91	26	Frame	9,000
Newport, R. I.	Zion	M. J. Englund	55	20	Frame	3,000
Pautucket, R. I.	Trinity	F. W. Lindstrom	63	30	Frame	4,000
So. Providence, R. I.		J. E. Morton				
Centerbrook, Conn						
Danbury, Conn.						

1. Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Deep River, Conn.	Bethel		48	....	Frame		2,500
Norwich, Conn.	Salem	J. A. Broden	142	32	Frame		7,500
Torrington, Conn.	Bethany	E. A. Zetterstrand	15	....			
Washington, Conn.	Trinity		59	....	Frame		3,500
Willimantic, Conn.	Ebenezer	J. A. Broden	103	85	Frame		6,200
Albany, N. Y.							
Astoria, N. Y.	Salem						
Bronx, N. Y.		J. Eastlund					
Cornwall, N. Y.							
Cohoes, N. Y.							
Corona, N. Y.							
Depew, N. Y.	Emmaus	J. A. Nordling	6				
East New York, N. Y.	Tabor	J. C. Westlund					
Long Island City, N. Y.	Salem	J. C. Westlund					
Millwood, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund					
Morris Park, N. Y.		J. C. Westlund					
New Amsterdam, N. Y.							
Newburg, N. Y.	Olaus Petri	N. W. Swenson	15				
New Rochelle, N. Y.		C. E. Anderson					
Olean, N. Y.	Bethany		64	44	Frame		1,300
Ossening, N. Y.	Zion	J. C. Westlund	30	15			
Pleasantville, N. Y.	Emanuel	C. E. Anderson					
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.							
Schnectady, N. Y.	Gustaf Adolf	K. A. Martin	67	25	Frame	Par	10,200
South Brooklyn, N. Y.		J. G. Danielson					
Troy, N. Y.							
West Troy, N. Y.							
White Plains, N. Y.		C. E. Anderson	20				
Yonkers, N. Y.		C. E. Anderson					
Bayonne, N. J.							
Dover, N. J.	Trinity	N. W. Swenson	52	34	Frame		3,000
East Orange, N. J.	Tabor	H. L. Wilson	55	15	Frame		1,200
Elizabeth, N. J.	Bartholomew	C. F. Sandahl	33	33	Frame		100
Morristown, N. J.							
Newark, N. J.	Emanuel	N. W. Swenson	45	22			5,000
Passaic, N. J.	Ansgarii	J. C. Westlund	78	76	Frame		3,000
Patterson, N. J.	Zion	A. Aaron	45	11	Frame		2,214
Perth Amboy, N. J.	St. Matthew	C. Peterson	27	....			
Plainfield, N. J.	Gethsemane	C. Peterson	20	....			
Summit, N. J.	Salem	H. L. Wilson	40	9	Frame		3,000
Union Hill, N. J.	Libanon	J. E. Lorimer	45	15			
Austin, Pa.	Aurora	L. Hokenson	61	18	Frame		1,300
Costello, Pa.		L. Hokenson					
Cross Fork, Pa.	Emanuel	L. Hokenson	85	39	Frame		1,200
Duquesne, Pa.	Zion	Nimrod Ebb	95	75	Frame		3,150
Hastings, Pa.	Bethany	D. J. Lawrence	76	40	Frame		2,200
Homestead, Pa.		Nimrod Ebb					
Monessen, Pa.		Nimrod Ebb					
Munhall, Pa.		Nimrod Ebb					
New Castle, Pa.	Zion				Frame		2,000
Oil City, Pa.	Zion		56	32			2,500
Patton, Pa.	Hebron	D. J. Laurence	105	40	Frame		4,400
Tidioute, Pa.	Salem	C. Henderson	32	....	Frame		2,000
Smithport, Pa.	Ansgarius		40	30	Frame		4,000
Wilson, Pa.		Nimrod Ebb					
Wilmington, Del.		O. M. Anderson					
Baltimore, Md.	St. Olaf	C. M. Anderson	49	25	Frame		2,500
Washington, D. C.		O. M. Anderson					
Austin, Ill.	Messiah						
Belvidere, Ill.	Zion	G. A. Ekeberg	105	30	Brick		9,500
Berwin, Ill.	Augustana	O. N. Olson	87	70	Brick		6,070
Biggsville, Ill.	Bethel	Aug. Johnson	19	....			
Blue Island, Ill.	Siloa	S. J. Sebelius	85	72	Frame		2,500
Cheltenham, Ill.	Tabor	T. S. Johnson					
Chicago Heights, Ill.	Emanuel		80	46	Frame		3,500
Chicago, Ill.	Nebo	S. A. Sandahl	41	25	Frame		3,000
Clarence, Ill.	Zion	P. Pearson	82	35	Brick		3,500
Cragin, Ill.	Libanon		25	....			

1 Augustana Synod (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Cuyler, Ill.	Salem						
Danville, Ill.		P. Pearson	101	40	Frame		6,000
Gladstone, Ill.	Immanuel	Erland Anderson	43	20			
Granville, Ill.		G. Erickson	45	14	Frame		2,500
Hyde Park, Ill.							
Harvey, Ill.	Tabor		34	43	Lot		456
Hegewisch, Ill.	Libanon	L. N. Dahlsten	90	70	Frame		3,650
Highwood, Ill.	Zion	G. K. Stark	30	65	Frame		3,000
Irving Park, Ill.		S. R. Pearson	94	98	Lots		1,200
Jefferson, Ill.	Emmaus		53	20	Frame		1,300
LaGrange, Ill.	Emmaus	H. O. Lindeblad	84	65	Brick		4,800
Maywood, Ill.		G. A. Elliot	98	80	Frame		5,000
Moreland, Ill.							
Morrison, Ill.	Bethesda	C. E. Hohner	75	....	Frame		1,200
Oakdale, Ill.	Ebenezer		68	54	Frame		3,500
Prophetstown, Ill.							
Rankin, Ill.		P. Pearson	113	76	Frame		4,000
Rockford, Ill.	Emanuel	C. A. Wendell	245	28	Brick		17,000
Sterling, Ill.	Bethlehem						
Stronghurst, Ill.		Aug. Johnson	64	50			
Summerdale, Ill.	Ebenezer	T. S. Johnson	56	70	Frame		3,000
†Walker Station, Ill.		F. O. Hanson					
East Chicago, Ind.	St. Paul's	L. N. Dahlsten	48	33	Frame		2,500
Michigan City, Ind.	Zion	D. A. Lofgren	138	70	Frame		9,000
Whiting, Ind.	Nazareth		30	25			
Amasa, Mich.	Maria	J. J. Hoikka	20	25	Frame		1,400
Baraga, Mich.							
Big Rapids, Mich.	Immanuel	F. O. Linder	40	20	Frame		1,000
Brevoort, Mich.							
Carney, Mich.		Wm. Eldien	45	14	Frame		1,200
Cedarville, Mich.			34	....			
Cheboygan, Mich.			29	35	Frame		1,000
Colfax, Mich.	Augustana	A. Lindholm	77	30	Frame		1,000
Crystal Fall, Mich.	Lebanon	G. A. Johnson	56	10	Frame		5,000
Detroit, Mich.	Bethlehem		23	12			
Dollar Bay, Mich.		E. Rehner	91	42	Frame		3,600
Elk Rapids, Mich.	Bethany	J. Forsberg	25	18	Frame		575
Gladstone, Mich.	Ebenezer		99	120	Lot		2,000
Hancock, Mich.		E. Rehner	50	35	Frame		4,000
Iron River, Mich.	Zion	C. A. Sward	60	29	Frame		2,900
Limestone, Mich.							
Mancelona, Mich.	Gustaf Adolf	John Forsberg	41	20	Frame		500
Morley, Mich.	Memorial	A. Lindholm	25	5	Frame		1,000
Michigamme, Mich.	Bethlehem	A. E. Monell	60	40	Frame		1,500
Munissing, Mich.							
Newberry, Mich.	Messiah	K. J. Peel	55	6	Frame		3,500
Oscoda, Mich.	Eleazar		30	....	Frame		1,000
Sault Ste Marie, Mich.	Elim	K. J. Peel	36	20			
Skandia, Mich.	Emanuel	A. E. Monell	56	25			
Skanee, Mich.		C. E. Odell	120	40	Frame		2,500
Traverse City, Mich.		J. Forsberg	27	35	Lot		1,700
Bayfield, Wis.			20	30	Frame		1,300
Birch Lake, Wis.	Trinity		25	20	Frame		300
Clayton, Wis.	Immanuel	J. A. Gustafson	97	45	Frame		1,400
Eau Claire, Wis.	Immanuel	C. O. Lundquist	118	58	Frame		6,000
Florence, Wis.	Bethlehem	C. A. Sward	13	45	Frame		900
Glen Flora, Wis.	Saron	J. Magny	13	10	Frame		1,000
Grantsburg, Wis.	Salem	Alex. Peterson	23	5	Frame		2,500
Hudson, Wis.	Zion	A. Bengtson	68	30	Frame		2,200
Kenosha, Wis.	St. Paul's	G. K. Stark	120	87	Frame		8,000
Madison, Wis.							
Merrill, Wis.		J. A. Carlstrom	128	49	Frame		3,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	First	S. N. Elvin	25	20			
Mosling, Wis.	Zion	A. E. Hiller	22	30	Frame		1,100
Peshtigo, Wis.	Salem	A. E. Hiller	235	87	Frame		2,500
Phillips, Wis.	Philippi	C. A. Lund	34	35	Frame		1,400
Poplar, Wis.	Bethany	J. A. B. Idstrom	66	42	Frame		1,400
Port Wing, Wis.			77	70	Frame		2,475

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PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Racine, Wis.	First	S. N. Elvin	80	35	Brick		9,000
Rhinelander, Wis.			77	57	Frame		3,000
Rice Lake, Wis.	Immanuel	E. Edman	52	....	Frame		1,600
So. Superior, Wis.	Salem	J. V. Soderman	30	26	Frame		2,000
Steel Plant, Wis.							
Superior, Wis.	Zion	J. A. B. Idstrom	63	32	Frame		3,000
Washburn, Wis.	Immanuel		24	3[illegible]	Frame		1,600
West Superior, Wis.	Bethlehem	J. A. B. Idstrom	95	10[illegible]	Frame		3,800
White Stone Hill, Wis.							
Wonewoc, Wis.	Elim	G. A. Ekeberg	22	1[illegible]	Frame		500
Ackley, Minn.		J. S. Ryding					
Afton, Minn.		A. Bengtson	55	20	Frame		1,000
*Barrett, Minn.	Ch. of Redeemer						
Biwabik, Minn.							
Black Duck, Minn.		J. S. Ryding					
Camden Place, Minn.	Salem						
Clarissa, Minn.	Emanuel	N. Ohslund	87	35	Frame		75
Crookston, Minn.	Immanuel	Alex Sand	38	15	Frame		1,80
Detroit, Minn.	Trinity		70	....	Frame		3,00
Donelly, Minn.		E. Norsen					
Ely, Minn.		P. O. Hanson	56	55			
Eveleth, Minn.	Tabor	P. O. Hanson	35	65	Frame		2,00
Fertile, Minn.	St. John's	Alex. Sand	49	20	Frame		6,00
Forest Lake, Minn.		A. F. Almer	165	68	Frame		3,00
Fosston, Minn.							
Grand Forks, Minn.	Gustaf Adolf	L. E. Sjolander	78	43	Lot		3,00
Hastings, Minn.			78	43	Frame		1,00
Hermon, Minn.		B. O. Berg	95	40	Frame		4,50
Hibbing, Minn.	Immanuel	J. Truedson	23	22	Frame		3,90
Hopkins, Minn.	Gethsemane		69	45	Brick		1,70
Kerkhoven, Minn.	Varnhem	E. Norsen	10	12			
Krogness, Minn.	Fridhem	N. O. Grunden	27	18	Frame		1,50
Little Falls, Minn.	Bethel		102	50	Frame		1,00
Mankato, Minn.							
McKinley, Minn.							
Maple Ridge, Minn.	Siloa	A. F. Nelson	40	....	Frame		1,18
Merriam Park, Minn.		J. A. Frost	46	50	Frame		1,60
Milaca, Minn.	Zion	A. J. Elmer	85	85	Frame		2,00
Millville, Minn.			10	....	Stone		10
*Minneapolis, Minn.	Grace	J. Telleen	7	22	Frame		12,00
Minneapolis, Minn.	Zion	C. O. Olander	125	140	Frame		6,80
Minneiska, Minn.			70	....	Frame		1,00
Monticello, Minn.		A. F. Tornell	18	15	Frame		80
Moose Lake, Minn.		C. E. Gustafson	32	....	Frame		60
Morris, Minn.		E. Norsen					
N. Minneapolis, Minn.	Salem						
Nylunda, Minn.		B. O. Berg	56	12	Brick		1,80
Preston, Lake, Minn.		J. G. Kallberg	22	....			
Princeton, Minn.	Emanuel	C. J. Gronberg	16	....	Frame		2,00
Rice Lake, Minn.		J. O. Cavillin	183	95	Frame		5,00
Scandia Valley, Minn.		J. Nordstrom	19	....	Frame		90
Shaw, Minn.							
Smith Lake, Minn.	Immanuel						
Soudan, Minn.	Bethel		19	50	Frame		3,00
Sparta, Minn.							
Starbuck, Minn.		E. Hedeen	39	20	Frame		1,50
St. John's, Minn.		A. J. Elmer	54	20	Frame		60
St. Paul, Minn.	Emanuel	B. Westerlund	165	169	Brick		7,80
St. Paul, Minn.	Bethesda	B. Westerlund	57	38	Brick		1,60
Thirteen Towns, Minn.							
Tinc, Minn.							
Tower, Minn.	Immanuel		7	63	Frame		1,50
Tracey, Minn.	Herlunda	A. Melin	60	25	Frame		3,00
Two Harbors, Minn.	Immanuel	J. D. Nelenius	154	191	Frame		11,70
Valley City, Minn.			16	14	Frame		3,00
Virginia, Minn.	Mamre	P. O. Hanson	14	65	Frame		4,00
West Duluth, Minn.	Elim	J. A. Krantz	190	225	Frame		12,00
Bismarck, N. D.		L. W. Gullstrom	21	....	Frame		2,00

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Bottineau, N. D.		P. Hendenstrom					
Cheyenne, N. D.	Augustana		130	20	Frame		4,000
Fargo, N. D.	Elim	N. O. Grunden	100	48	Frame		4,500
Hofva, N. D.			18		Frame		1,250
Nebo, N. D.			38		Frame		2,500
Valley City, N. D.			20				
Wasa, N. D.	Swea		36				
White Stone Hill, N. D.			54	30	Frame		2,000
*Beresford, S. D.	Ebenezer						
Black Hawk, S. D.	Bethlehem	S. Johnson	20	15			
Carthage, S. D.	Zion	A. Lundberg	31	20	Frame		2,000
Central, S. D.							
Charles Mix Co., S. D.	Fridhem		40	22	Frame		1,500
Deadwood, S. D.							
Erwin, S. D.	Clara	G. E. Lindsten	56	15	Frame		1,800
*Huron, S. D.	Holy Com.						
Lead, S. D.	Augustana	S. Johnson	90	45	Lot		4,500
Platte Valley, S. D.		K. J. Bring	33				
*Pierre, S. D.	Zion						
Sioux Falls, S. D.		G. E. Lindsten	88	25	Frame		3,000
Terraville, S. D.							
Vale, S. D.							
Alberta, Can.		M. L. Larson					
Banff, Can.		M. L. Larson					
Battle Lake Can.	Swea	P. Almgren	24		Frame		1,500
Bear Lake, Can.	Twin Creek						
Bethel, Can.	Bethel	P. Almgren	15		Frame		1,200
Buffalo Lake, Can.	David						
Calgary, Can.		P. Almgren	13		Frame		1,500
Calmar, Can.		P. Almgren	8				
Danvers, Can.	Bethany	C. Rosenthal	33		Log		300
Fleming, Can.		N. Lehart	22		Frame		1,000
Fridhem, Can.		P. Almgren	35				
Golden, Can.		M. L. Larson	15				
New Stockholm, Can.		N. Lehart	64		Log		2,500
Perceval, Can.	Emanuel	N. Lehart	83	25	Log		1,200
Rat Portage, Can.	Bethesda	A. G. Olson	140	42	Frame		3,600
Revilstoke, Can.		M. L. Larson					
Saron, Can.		P. Almgren	16	15			
Scandinavia, Can.	Bethlehem	C. Rosenthal	50	12	Log		1,800
Vancouver, Can.	Emmaus	S. D. Hawkins	40	22			1,500
Tyndall, Can.		A. G. Olson					
Wetaskiwin, Can.	Bethlehem	P. Almgren	20	30	Frame		2,500
Whitemouth, Can.	Immanuel	A. G. Olson	28				
Winnipeg, Can.	Zion	A. G. Olson	215	143	Brick		15,000
Buxton, Ia.	Ebenezer	A. W. P. Elfstrom	92	52	Frame		2,600
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Sharon	A. E. Gustafson	46	23	Frame		3,800
Cherokee, Ia.	Bethlehem	C. F. Granere	40	18	Frame		2,500
Council Bluffs, Ia.	Immanuel	J. E. Rydback	100	50	Brick		10,000
Delaware, Ia.	Immanuel	A. E. Gufstafson	50	23	Frame		1,100
Ft. Madison, Ia.		O. Moreland					
Lincoln, Ia.		P. J. Sanden	59	23	Frame		1,500
Marcus, Ia.	Carmel	C. F. Granere	75	12	Frame		2,000
Meriden, Ia.	St. Jacob's	C. F. Granere	19				
New London, Ia.							
Ruthven, Ia.		P. J. Sanden					
Shenandoah, Ia.	Emanuel	G. O. Gustafson	67	50	Frame		1,500
Spencer, Ia.	Bethesda	P. J. Sanden	20		Frame		1,500
Bucklin, Mo.							
Carl Junction, Mo.							
Mountain Grove, Mo.							
St. Joseph, Mo.	Elim	G. O. Gustafson	8				
St. Louis, Mo.	Gethsemane	P. J. Kaellstroem	122	45	Brick		5,500
Springfield, Mo.							
Swedesburg, Mo.			25		Frame		1,000
Verona, Mo.			50		Frame		800
Wentworth, Mo.							
Banner Co., Neb.	Elim						

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Boyd Co., Neb.	Messiah		74	20	Frame		500
Boyd Co., Neb.	Rosendahl		71	35	Frame		600
Cheyenne Co., Neb.	Smyrna		10	....	Log		400
Dahlsborg, Neb.		F. W. Bergquist.	21	10	Frame		1,500
Dawes Co., Neb.	Bethlehem		.....	....			.....
Deuel Co., Neb.	Berea		35	....	Frame		2,450
Deuel Co., Neb.	Siloa		22	18	Stone		300
Franklin Co., Neb.	Fridborg		.....	....			.....
Fremont, Neb.	Sinai		49	24	Frame		2,100
Greeley Co., Neb.	Concordia	A. G. Ander	65	25	Frame		1,000
Hartington, Neb.	Emanuel	J. E. Erlander	25	12	Frame		2,000
Kimball, Neb.	Carmel		7	....	Frame		250
Lincoln, Neb.		E. G. Chinlund	145	69	Frame		12,000
Newman's Grove, Neb.	Zion	G. S. Larson	123	40	Frame		6,000
Omaha, Neb.	Salem	C. Elving	92	67	Frame		9,000
S. Omaha, Neb.	Gethsemane	J. V. Carlson	52	61	Frame		3,500
Swaburg, Neb.	Elim		36	....	Frame		3,600
Valparaiso, Neb.	Ekdahl	E. G. Chinlund	33	15	Frame		1,300
Wahoo, Neb.	Bethlehem	O. J. Johnson	160	81	Frame		7,290
Cheyenne, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson	.....	....	Frame		3,500
Rock Springs, Wyo.		D. N. Anderson	21	....			.....
Christvalla, Kan.			17	4			.....
Iola, Kan.		H. Sandstedt	.....	....			.....
Johnstown, Kan.			25	30			.....
Lawrence, Kan.		H. Sandstedt	10	1	Frame		90
Kansas City, Kan.		E. Glad	112	95	Frame		3,500
Ottawa, Kan.		H. Sandstedt	22	15	Frame		2,500
Page Co., Kan.	Bethesda		36	17	Frame		500
Pittsburg, Kan.	Lydia		8	....	Frame		1,200
Sharon Springs, Kan.	Sharon		16	5	Frame		500
Stockholm, Kan.	Bethany		91	....	Frame		500
Trago Co., Kan.	Emanuel		45	9	Stone		2,000
Boulder, Colo.	Bethesda	J. F. Ahlin	47	25	Stone		3,500
Colorado Springs, Colo.		C. E. Lindquist	80	24	Frame		1,500
Cripple Creek, Colo.		P. E. Ording	31	19			.....
Greeley, Colo.		Rubert Swanson	.....	....	Brick		1,500
Golden, Colo.			10	....	Brick		1,500
Georgetown, Colo.		O. Ostrom	12	....	Frame		1,000
Idaho Springs, Colo.	Zion	O. Ostrom	44	40	Frame		1,800
Las Animas, Colo.	Bethany	P. A. Malm	51	12	Stone		3,000
Longmont, Colo.	Elim	J. F. Ahlin	50	9	Brick		2,75
Loveland, Colo.		Rubert Swanson	.....	....			.....
Pueblo, Colo.	Tabor	G. R. Peterson	80	45	Stone		9,100
Ryssby, Colo.		J. F. Ahlin	46	27	Stone		1,500
Victor, Colo.	Nebo	P. E. Ording	47	35			.....
Chesterville, Tex.	Elim		10	....			.....
Dallas, Tex.		D. Nordling	.....	....			.....
El Campo, Tex.	Philippi	A. J. Ryden	101	51	Frame		4,500
Fort Worth, Tex.		D. Nordling	.....	....			.....
Galveston, Tex.	Zion	E. Swanson	70	35	Frame		7,000
Ganado, Tex.	Salem	A. J. Ryden	25	5	Frame		1,100
Georgetown, Tex.	Bethel		7	....	Frame		500
Houston, Tex.	Trinity		10	....			.....
Hutto, Tex.		O. H. Sylvan	88	44	Frame		4,500
Jackson Co., Tex.			.....	....			.....
Manor, Tex.		L. J. Sundquist	.....	....			.....
Olivia, Tex.	Eden	C. J. Damstrom	31	24			.....
Victoria Co., Tex.			.....	....			.....
Wharton Co., Tex.			.....	....			.....
Waco, Tex.		D. Nordling	.....	....			.....
Anacortes, Wash.		G. A. Anderson	.....	....			.....
Burlington, Wash.		G. A. Anderson	.....	....			.....
Bellingham, Wash.	First Swedish		39	32	Frame		4,500
Gooseberry, Ore.	Valby	B. S. Nystrom	44	26	Frame		500
Mist, Ore.	Bethlehem	G. E. Rydquist	45	16	Frame		500
Powell's Valley, Ore.	Saron	B. S. Nystrom	35	39	Frame		700
Everett, Wash.	Zion	E. Ceder	39	12			3,000
Ferndale, Wash.		G. Bergman	26	....			.....

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Hockinson, Wash.	Elim	B. S. Nystrom	50	18	Frame		900
Rochester, Wash.		C. E. Frisk					
South Bend, Wash.	Ansgarii	G. E. Rydquist	11		Frame		500
Eureka, Cal.	Eureka	D. Magnuson	54	20	Frame		6,000
Fresno, Cal.	First Sw. Luth.	M. A. Nordstrom.	50				
Kingsburg, Cal.	Concordia	C. M. Esbjorn	88	47	Brick		5,128
Riverside, Cal.	Eden		45		Frame		6,000
Stockton, Cal.		M. A. Nordstrom.	15				
Turlock, Cal.		M. A. Nordstrom.					
Vinland, Cal.	Bethany	M. A. Nordstrom.	18				
DeLand, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall					
Forest City, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall					
Miami, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall					
Oakland, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall					
Pierson, Fla.	Ebenezer	A. J. Stenwall			Frame		2,000
Swea, Fla.		H. F. H. Hartelius					
Titusville, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall					
Uppsala, Fla.		A. J. Stenwall			Frame		1,000
Birmingham, Ala.		H. F. H. Hartelius					
Fruithurst, Ala.	Emanuel	H. F. H. Hartelius	20	20			
Silver Hill, Ala.		H. F. H. Hartelius					
†Thorsby, Ala.	Concordia	H. F. H. Hartelius	45	35	Frame		1,800
Anaconda, Mont.	Zion	H. Lind	98	50	Brick		6,200
Bozeman, Mont.		J. W. Nyvall					
Butte, Mont.	Emanuel	J. W. Nyvall	80	50	Frame		6,000
Great Falls, Mont.		Ch. T. Carlson	100	75			
Helena, Mont.	St. John's	P. A. Fair	68	28	Frame		5,000
Hamilton, Mont.							
†Livingston, Mont.							
Missoula, Mont.		A. G. P. Anderson	100	75			
Bingham, Utah	Bethlehem	C. Pehrson	61	18	Frame		1,800
†Eureka, Utah	Bethel	E. Rydberg	54	25			
Ogden, Utah	Elim	O. A. Elmquist	27	37	Frame		5,000
Park City, Utah	St. John's	O. A. Elmquist	30				
†Provo, Utah		C. Pehrson	8	14	Brick		4,000
Salt Lake City, Utah	Zion	E. Rydberg	45	55	Brick		25,000
Santaquin, Utah		E. Rydberg	30				
†Blackfoot, Idaho		C. E. Bengtson					
†Boise City, Idaho		C. E. Bengtson					
Burk, Idaho		H. F. Johnson					
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho		Oscar Linden					
†Shelley, Idaho		C. E. Bengston					
†Idaho Falls, Idaho	Gustaf Adolf	C. E. Bengtson	40		Frame		4,000
†Mullan, Idaho		H. F. Johnson					
Payette, Idaho	Immanuel	C. E. Bengtson	20				
†Pocatello, Idaho		C. E. Bengtson					
†Wallace, Idaho		H. F. Johnson					
Douglas, Alaska		J. A. Levin					
Total	409 missions.	164 missionaries.	14699	8393			$709,904

Of the 409 Missions, 393 are Swedish, 8 (marked *) English, and 8 (marked †) Swedish-English.

2. CANADA SYNOD.

Arnprior, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis	Wm. Kupfer					
Admaston, Ont., Can.	St. Jacobus	Wm. Kupfer	186	70	Frame		$1,500
Whitney, Ont., Can.	St. Petri	Wm. Kupfer					
Auburn, Ont., Can.	Salem	Wm. Seidel	52	20	Frame		900
Denbigh, Ont., Can.	St. Paulus	G. Daechsel					1,200
Lyndoch, Ont., Can.	Christus	G. Daechsel					
Plevna, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis	G. Daechsel	190	75	Frame		
Raglan, Ont., Can.	St. Stephen	G. Daechsel					1,000
Maynooth, Ont., Can.		G. Daechsel					800
Bancroft, Ont., Can.	Christus	G. Daechsel					
Ottawa, Ont., Can.	St. Johannis	Ch. Lucas	115	40	Brick		2,000
Chalk River, Ont., Can.	St. Matthaeus	E. Haecker					
Petawawa, Ont., Can.	Trinitatis	E. Haecker	118	30	Frame		
Massey, Ont., Can.	Zion	E. Haecker					

2. CANADA SYNOD (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Par.	Value of Property.
Port Elgin, Ont., Can.	Salem	R. Mosig			Brick		.....
Southampton, Ont., Can..	.....	R. Mosig	135	60	.....		.....
Mildmay, Ont., Can.	St. Matthaeus	R. Mosig			Brick		.....
Linwood, Ont., Can.	St. Petri	*P. Kleine	.....	....	.....		.....
Brantford, Ont., Can.	St. Matthaeus	J. Badke	39	15	.....		.....
Total	19 missions.	8 missionaries.	835	312	.....		$7.400

*Only recently established.

3. CHICAGO SYNOD.

Alexandria, Ind.	Our Saviour	J. C. Dietz	27	62	Brick		$15.000
Benton, Ind.	St. Paul's	T. W. Weiskotten	37	46	Frame		1,300
Chicago. Ill.	Atonement	L. P. Pence	40	82	Lot		850
Chicago, Ill.	St. James	L. W. Steckel ..	60	292	Lot		2,800
Chicago, Ill.	St. Matthew's	P. J. Gerberding..	97	153	Frame		2,600
Chicago, Ill.	St. Peter's	H. B. Reed	150	361	Brick		5,500
Corydon, Ind.	Mt. Solomon	A. M. Sappenfield.	136	35	Frame		1,900
Dietrich, Ill.	Unorganized	John Knauer	10	....	.....		.....
Gila, Ill.	Union	John Knauer	94	40	Frame	Par.	2.000
Lafayette, Ind.	Holy Trinity	E. D. S. Boyer ..	46	106	Lot	Par.	4,000
Lafayette, Ind.	Ely School House..	E. D. S. Boyer ..	54	60	.....		.....
Mishawaka, Ind.	First	M. L. Boulton ...	45	79	Brick	Par.	11,000
Nappanee, Ind.	St. John's	A. L. Bolieck	28	45	Frame	Par.	3,800
Nappanee, Ind.	Emmanuel	A. L. Bolieck	45	104	Frame		1,500
Olney, Ill.	St. Paul's	John Knauer	20	....	Brick		850
South Bend, Ind.	Holy Trinity	Wm. Brenner	78	107	Frame		3,000
Syracuse, Ind.	Grace	T. W. Weiskotten.	33	44	Cement Blk. ..		6,500
Total	17 missions.	13 missionaries.	954	1716	.....		$62,600

4. MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

Farmington, N. Y.	St. John	E. Saul	75	44	Frame		$7,600
Hempstead, L. I., N. Y....	Epiphany	H. Shorten	108	53	Frame		9,000
Hollis, L. I., N. Y.	Trinity	K. Riebesell	32	33	Frame		.....
Mileses, N. Y.	Zion's	O. E. Lorenz	36	....	Frame		2,000
Madison, Conn.	Immanuel	J. A. Timm	50	45	Frame		600
New Bedford, Mass.	St. John	J. Rathke	81	48	Frame		1,925
Paterson, N. J.	St. John	A. Redderoth	.....	36	House		4,500
Ravena, N. Y.	Trinity	F. Leddin	74	29	Frame		3,600
West Henrietta, N. Y.	Concordia	A. Hunzinger	50	38	Frame		1,800
Williamsbridge, N. Y.	St. Peter	O. Rappolt	150	80	Brick		5,000
Peekskill, N. Y.	St. John	O. Posselt	61	50	Hall		2,300
New York City (Bronx) ..	Our Saviour	J. Melhorn	.....	....	House		17,000
Hartford, Conn.	Trinity	Vacant	74	81	.....		.....
Van Nest, N. Y. City	St. Luke	W. Eickmann	106	120	Frame		7,000
Engelwood. N. J.	St. John	Vacant	.....	35	Frame		1,500
Carteret, N. J.	Zion's	E. Hingkeldey ...	38	42	Frame		3,000
Watertown, N. Y.	.....	Vacant	.....	....	.....		.....
Potter, N. Y.	St. John	E. Reissig	150	45	Frame		2,000
Brockport, N. Y.	Concordia	C. Masius	70	26	Church		5,000
Roland, S. Buffalo, N. Y..	.....	Vacant	.....	....	.....		.....
Total	20 missions.	16 missionaries.	1155	805	.....		$73,825

5. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND.

Brooklyn, N. Y.	Resurrection	H. J. Croushore ..	62	135	.....		.....
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Incarnation	Wm. Steinbicker..	98	160	Frame		$14,000
Buffalo, N. Y.	Grace	E. H. Boettger ...	62	65	.....		2,000
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Grace	G. G. Ruff	68	90	Frame		5,000
Elizabeth, N. J.	Holy Trinity	F. C. Krapf	180	332	Frame		6,380
Elmira, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	F. C. Martin	54	59	Brick		10,000
Flushing, N. Y.	.....	J. H. Worth	.....	....	.....		.....
New Rochelle, N. Y.	Holy Trinity	Vacant	63	76	Frame		10,000
Perth Amboy, N. J.	Grace	E. J. Keuling	97	120	Frame		10,000
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	St. John's	C. S. Rahn	89	59	Brick		5,500
Union Hill, N. J.	Good Shepherd	A. Wuerstlin	44	70	.....		.....
Yonkers, N. Y.	Redeemer	Vacant	54	32	Frame		7,000
Total	12 missions.	10 missionaries.	871	1199	.....		$69.88

6. ENGLISH SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Grand Marais, Minn.	North Shore Mission.	C. G. Stacy	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Minneapolis, Minn.	Holy Trinity	Local Supply	27	25	.....	.....	.....
Mankato, Minn.	.....	Student	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Ellsworth, Wis.	Our Saviour	Vacant	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Total	4 missions.	2 missionaries.	27	25	.....	.....	.....

7. SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

New Germany	New Germany Parish	C. H. Little	232	....	.....	.....	.....
Midville	Midville Parish	J. B. Haigler	414	118	.....	.....	.....
Total	2 missions.	2 missionaries.	646	118	.....	.....	.....

8. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Ashville, O.	Eng. Luth.	J.M.Wenrich,sup'y	65	60	Frame	.....	$4,000
Coshocton, O.	Emanuel	H. T. Weber	63	40	Brick	.....	7,000
Defiance, O.	Zion's	R. E. M. Engers..	129	61	Bl'd	.....	1,000
Stanley, O.	St. John's	R. E. M. Engers..	56	55	Church	.....	1,500
Letonia, O.	St. John's	J. H. Grof	78	70	Church	.....	2,500
London, O.	St. John's	C. E. Schweigert..	48	85	Brick	.....	3,000
Lilly Chapel, O.	Zion's	C. E. Schweigert..	30	30	Brick	.....	1,000
Paulding, O.	St. Paul	J. J. S. Rumbarger	20	30	Frame	.....	.....
Paulding, O.	Trinity	J. J. S. Rumbarger	26	25	Frame	.....	800
Paulding, O.	St. John's	J. J. S. Rumbarger	10	....	Bl'd	.....	50
Pemberville, O.	Martin Luther	Vacant	131	47	Brick	.....	5,000
Toledo, O.	Grace	G. Schmogrow	225	240	Frame	.....	3,500
West Carrollton, O.	Grace	Vacant	68	115	Brick	.....	1,600
Tondota, O.	St. Luke's	E. J. K. Schmidt.	56	36	Brick	.....	2,000
Totals	14 missions.	8 missionaries.	1005	894	.....	.....	$32,950

9. MANITOBA SYNOD.

(No missions other than those of the German Home Mission Board.)

10. PACIFIC SYNOD.

Smelter, Wash.	.....	C. F. W. Stoever	.....	....	Frame	.....	$1,000
Eugene, Ore.	.....	W. J. Roehmer	18	....	.....	.....	.....
Buxton, Ore.	.....	W. J. Roehmer	15	....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill, Ore.	.....	W. J. Roehmer	11	....	.....	.....	.....
Bacona, Ore.	.....	W. J. Roehmer	9	....	.....	.....	$1,000
Totals	5 missions.	2 missionaries.	53	....	.....	.....	$2,000

11. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

S. Cramer Hill, N. J.	Christ	.....	160	186	Frame	.....	$5,000
Egg Harbor, N. J.	Zion	E. Metzenthin, Jr.	85	200	.....	.....	7,000
Folsom, N. J.	St. Jacobus	G. E. A. Reschke	102	97	Stone	.....	2,000
Chiselhurst, N. J.	St. Paulus	G. E. A. Reschke	21	25	Frame	.....	800
Williamstown, N. J.	St. Johannes	G. E. A. Reschke	75	45	Frame	.....	1,500
Tacony, Pa.	.....	A. Biemueller	112	76	Ch. & Par.	.....	12,000
Bristol, Pa.	.....	A. Biemueller	85	68	.....	.....	.....
Germantown, Pa.	St. Thomas	H. P. Freseman..	85	80	Stone	.....	8,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Kreuz	W. R. M. Oeser..	.....	....	Stone	.....	.....
Liberty Park, Camden, N.J.	Nazareth	Fr. Teegen	160	150	.....	.....	7,600
Woodbury, N. J.	St. John's	Fr. Teegen	30	25	Frame	.....	3,000
Gloucester, N. J.	.....	Fr. Teegen	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Steelton, Pa.	Trinity	E. Metzenthin	163	88	Frame	.....	5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Redeemer	Paul Schneider	50	85	.....	.....	4,000
Mainsport, N. J.	St. Paul's	A. Neudoerffer	82	85	.....	.....	4,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury Park, N. J.	Atonement	G. A. Genzmer	87	71	Frame	.....	10,000
Atlantic City, N. J.	St. Andrew's	.....	125	110	Frame	.....	20,000
Trenton, N. J.	Saviour	John C. Mattes...	130	125	Stone	.....	17,000
Frankford, Phila., Pa.	Salem	F. Miller	109	145	Hall	.....	3,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Atonement	W. L. Stough	234	278	Stone	.....	19,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Transfiguration	A. C. Carty	178	278	Brick	.....	15,000

11. MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA (Continued).

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Falls, Phila., Pa.	Redeemer	A. R. Appel	87	150	Hall		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Resurrection	H. F. Sieger	120	195	Church		
Philadelphia, Pa.	St. John's (Danish)	J. P. Nielsen					
Manor, Pa.	Trinity	H. F. Hehl	49	68			10,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Saviour	C. M. Sandt	108	182	Hall		11,000
S. Camden, N. J.	Christ	Frank I. Paul	64	97			3,500
Magnolia, N. J.	Trinity		32		Frame		
Olney, Phila., Pa.	Zion	Fred. W. Friday	34	47			5,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	Covenant	J. W. H. Heintz	46	103			2,500
Overbrook, Phila., Pa.	Good Shepherd	M. R. Kunkelman	55	95			
Philadelphia, Pa.	Mediator						
Souderton, Pa.	Emanuel	Geo. S. Fegely					
Bristol, Pa.		H. F. Richards					
Attleboro, Pa.	Redeemer	H. F. Richards					
Edison, Pa.	Grace	F. F. Buermeyer	28	75			4,500
Oakbrook, Pa.	Redeemer	F. F. Buermeyer	18	50			2,600
Bernville, Pa.		F. F. Buermeyer					
E. Bangor, Pa.	Grace	Geo. S. Kleckner	119	123	Frame		5,500
N. Bethlehem, Pa.	St. Stephen's	H. A. Kunkle	109	160	Frame		2,500
Allentown, Pa.	St. Stephen's	Ira W. Klick	175	250	Frame		18,000
Allentown, Pa.	St. Joseph's	J. W. Mattern	67	150	Frame		3,500
Smithfield, Pa.	St. Paul's	Theo. Heilig	30				2,000
Northampton Heights, Pa.	St. Matthew's	S. M. Wenrich	35	136			3,600
Easton, Pa.	Colored Church	J. A. Burton					
N. Water Gap, Pa.	St. Mark's	L. S. Trump	50				
Scranton, Pa.	St. Paul's	W. S. Heist	65	60			1,350
Scranton, Pa.	Christ	J. D. C. Witke	240	180	Brick		7,500
Sayre, Pa.	St. John's	E. M. Beysher	126	91	Frame		10,000
Gouldsboro, Pa.	Grace	J. M. Smeltzer	66	65	Frame		5,000
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Christ	P. J. W. Pestke	270	210	Frame		7,000
Wanamie, Pa.	St. Luke's	P. J. W. Pestke	50		Frame		300
Noxen, Pa.	St. Luke's	O. F. Ettwein	71	220	Frame		3,000
Carbondale, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. L. Pfeil	83	42	Frame		3,000
Packerton, Pa.	Zion	V. C. Mengers	56	80			3,800
Lopez, Pa.	Trinity						
Ricketts, Pa.	St. John's		36	117	Frame		1,500
Lehighton, Pa.	Grace	F. S. Kuntz	61	90			10,350
Plymouth, Pa.	St. Paul's	G. L. Lohman					
Orwin, Pa.	St. Paul's	J. F. Frankinfield					
Quakake, Pa.	Quakake Parish		65				
Pine Grove, Pa.	St. Peter's	H. M. Schofer	129	75			1,000
Dow's, Pa.	St. Mark's	H. M. Schofer	28	155	Frame		3,000
Pine Grove Twp., Pa.	St. Matthew's	H. M. Schofer		70			1,000
Llewellyn Parish		W. N. Berk					
Strasburg, Pa.	St. Michael's	G. W. McClanahan	124	100	Brick		7,000
Palmyra, Pa.	Palm	J. H. Neiman	75	54			3,000
Harrisburg, Pa.	Holy Communion	C. K. Fegley	36	20	Hall		
Lancaster, Pa.	St. Mark's	Bernard Repass	18	117			5,500
Richfield, Pa.		E. E. Gilbert	80		Frame		800
Monroe Twp., Pa.	St. Peter's	E. E. Gilbert	30	150	Frame		800
Perry Twp., Pa.	Zion	E. E. Gilbert	28	86	Frame		1,000
Jersey Shore, Pa.	Zion	C. D. Zweier	72	45	Frame		4,500
S. Williamsport, Pa.	Christ		128	60	Frame		2,200
Mildred, Pa.	Trinity	Chas. Ziegelbrier	53	40			
Total	75.	53 missionaries.	5258				$309,750

The above are in the order of the following Conferences: Phila. German, Phila. English, Norristown, Reading, Allentown, Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville, Lancaster, Danville. Those missions which are conducted by individual churches are not given in the table.

12. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

PLACE.	CHURCH.	PASTOR.	Communicants.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Property. Ch.	Church Property. Par.	Value of Property.
Allegheny, Pa.	Emanuel's	C. K. Fegley	72	62	Frame		$12,000
Ambridge, Pa.	Zion's	Vacant	98	58	Brick		7,523
Freedom, Pa.	St. John's	Paul Kumner	61	50	Frame		
Monaca, Pa.	St. Peter's	Paul Kumner	70	....	Brick		
Sewickly, Pa.	Mission	Paul Kumner	25	....			
Leetsdale, Pa.	St. Matthew's	Rev. Glatzart	66	62			
Braddock, Pa.	Trinity	W. E. Bauer	60	52	Frame		7,500
Pitcairn, Pa.	St. Paul's	W. E. Bauer	23	28			
Bridgeport, O.	Holy Trinity	A. C. Sumons	90	110	Brick		14,000
Bridgetville, Pa.	Zion's, Ger.	H. A. Ziel	92	50	Frame		6,000
Jaennette, Pa.	Christ, Ger.	H. A. Ziel	36	....	Frame		
Conneaut, O.	Grace	C. E. Blethen	35	55	Brick		5,000
Cleveland, O.	Holy Trinity	A. L. Benze	114	67	Brick		16,500
Corry, Pa.	St. Paul's	R. E. McDaniel	66	47	Brick	Frame	5,000
East Liverpool, O.	St. John's	J. R. Reinartz	175	17[illegible]	Brick		17,000
Elwood City, Pa.	Trinity	A. P. Lentz	75	82	Frame		4,500
	St. Mark's	A. P. Lentz	63	71	Frame		1,200
	Zion's	A. P. Lentz	35	44	Frame		1,000
Emlenton, Pa.	St. John's	W. C. Beck	43	35	Frame		3,000
St. Petersburg, Pa.	St. Peter's	W. C. Beck	65	....			
Parker City, Pa.		B. Repass					
Morgantown, W. Va.	St. Paul's	J. A. Boord	62	86	Frame		7,000
Natrona, Pa.	St. Peter's	J. R. Richards	96	84	Brick		6,500
New Castle, Pa.	St. John's	J. H. Miller	227	210	Brick		15,000
North East, Pa.	St. Peter's	J. Q. Waters	71	37	Brick		8,000
Parkersburg, W. Va.	St. John's	F. C. Longaker	91	63	Brick		18,000
St. Clara, W. Va.	St. John's	L. O. Hammer	54	36			
Sand Hill, W. Va.	St. John's	L. O. Hammer	33	12			
Red Hill, W. Va.	St. Paul's	L. O. Hammer	20	12			
Reynoldsville, Pa.	Trinity	J. W. Myers	100	98	Frame		2,000
	Chestnut Grove	J. W. Myers	84	43	Frame		1,500
Emrichsville, Pa.	Grace	J. W. Myers	25	28	Frame		1,500
Saltsburg, Pa.	St. John's	H. Martins	43	29	Brick		7,000
Fenneltown, Pa.	Fenneltown	H. Martins	57	25	Frame		2,500
South Sharon, Pa.	Grace	H. T. Obenauf	30	55	Frame		8,000
Tarentum, Pa.	Grace	E. O. Graham	53	50	Frame		3,000
Springdale, Pa.	St. Mark's	E. O. Graham	39	61	Frame		2,500
Youngwood, Pa.	St. Luke's	W. O. Bilheimer	80	81	Brick		9,000
Hunkers, Pa.	St. Luke's	W. O. Bilheimer	30	70			
Verona, Pa.	Trinity	Ira M. Wallace	86	86	Frame		5,500
New Kensington, Pa.	St. Paul's	Ira M. Wallace	45	42	Frame		1,800
Avonmore, Pa.	St. Andrew's	L. O. Pearch	21	39	Frame		4,000
	St. James'	L. O. Pearch	75	35	Brick		3,500
Monaca, Pa.	Ch. Redeemer	R. G. Rosenbaum	143	15[illegible]	Brick		10,000
Rolfe, Pa.	St. John's	P. Kummer	71	48	Brick		4,000
Latrobe, Pa.	Christ, Ger.	G. Deetz	90	39	Frame		6,000
Erie, Pa.	St. Matthew's	J. J. Neudoerffer	50	88	Frame		6,000
Girard, Pa.	St. John's	J. J. Neudoerffer	50	33			
Erie, Pa.	Grace	F. C. Strobel	70	160	Frame		4,000
Smithton, Pa.	Memorial	B. F. Hankey	30	60			
Hoffmans, Pa.	Old Hoffman's	B. F. Hankey	48	....			
Moundsville, O.	Zion's	A. C. Sumons			Frame		600
Total	52 missions.	30 missionaries.	3412	2949			$233,422

MISSIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE LIST OF SELF-SUSTAINING PARISHES.

PLACE.	MISSION.	PASTOR.
New Castle, Pa.	St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church	J. H. Miller.
Leetsdale, Pa.	St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church	P. G. Chas. Glatzart.

RECAPITULATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL HOME MISSIONS.

1. Missions Supported by	Number of Missions.	No. of Mission-aries.	Communi-cant Members.	Sunday School Scholars.	Value of Church Property.
General Council English Board	44	35	4092	4326	$231,139
General Council German Board	50	19	4643	....	.....
Augustana Synod (Swedish and English)	409	164	14699	8393	709,904
Canada Synod (German)	19	8	835	312	7,400
Chicago Synod (English	17	13	954	1716	62,600
Ministerium of New York (German)	20	16	1155	805	73,825
New York and New England Synod (English)	12	10	871	1199	69,880
Synod of Northwest (English)	4	2	27	25	.....
Nova Scotia Synod (English)	2	2	646	118	.....
District Synod of Ohio (English)	14	8	1005	894	32,950
Manitoba Synod (German)	...	...	....	....	.....
Pacific Synod (English and German)	5	2	53	....	2,000
Ministerium of Pennsylvania (English and German)	75	53	5258	6264	309,750
Pittsburgh Synod (English and German)	54	32	3412	2949	233,422
Total	725	354	37,650	27,001	$1,732,870

2. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO STATES AND TERRITORIES.

UNITED STATES.						CANADA.	
Alabama	4	Kentucky	1	Oregon	18	Alberta	26
Alaska	1	Maine	4	Pennsylvania	121	Assiniboia	6
California	11	Maryland	1	Rhode Island	3	British Columbia	3
Colorado	13	Massachusetts	13	South Dakota	15	Manitoba	17
Connecticut	11	Michigan	28	Texas	15	Nova Scotia	2
Deleware	1	Minnesota	67	Utah	9	Ontario	20
District of Columbia	1	Missouri	9	Vermont	2	Quebec	1
Florida	8	Montana	8	Washington	18	Saskatchewan	3
Idaho	9	Nebraska	20	West Virginia	5		
Illinois	46	New Hampshire	1	Wisconsin	36		
Indiana	13	New Jersey	29	Wyoming	2		
Iowa	13	New York	50				
Kansas	11	North Dakota	11		647		78
		Ohio	19			Grand Total	725

3. MISSIONS ACCORDING TO LANGUAGE.

A. ENGLISH MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Augustana Synod	8	130
Chicago Synod	17	954
District Synod of Ohio	14	1005
English Synod of Northwest	4	27
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.	59	4068
New York and N. Eng. Synod	12	871
Nova Scotia Synod	2	646
Pacific Synod	1	....
Pittsburgh Synod	51	3194
General Council Board	44	4092
Total	212	14987

B. GERMAN MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Communicant Members.
Canada Synod	19	835
Ministerium of New York	20	1155
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.	15	1190
Pacific Synod	4	53
Pittsburgh Synod	3	218
Gen. Council German Board	50	4642
Total	111	8094

C. SWEDISH MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Augustana Synod	401	14569

D. DANISH MISSIONS.

SYNODS.	Churches.	Members.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania.	1	....

GERMAN HOME MISSION STATISTICS

(*See page 149.*)

The following table gives the names of missionaries, preaching places and membership, viz:

(A) CALIFORNIA AND OREGON.

	Preaching Places.	Pastor.	Membership.
1.	San Jose, Cal.	E. Meyer	138
	Morgan Hill, Cal.	E. Meyer	15
	Santa Cruz, Cal.	E. Meyer	20
2.	Medford, Oregon	F. Sack	160
	Lake Creek, Oregon	F. Sack	
3.	Oregon City, Oregon	W. R. Kraxberger	42
4.	Macksburg, Oregon	B. Merz	96
	New Era, Oregon	B. Merz	34
	Meridian, Oregon	B. Merz	26
	Needy, Oregon	B. Merz	20
5.	Camas, Wash.	C. F. Boehner	60
	Hackinson, Wash.	C. F. Boehner.	
	Woodlawn, Wash.	C. F. Boehner.	
	Vancouver, Wash.	C. F. Boehner.	
6.	Nehalem, Oregon	W. J. Roehmer.	

(B) NORTH DAKOTA.

7.	Dresden, North Dakota	Th. Hempel	206

(C) KENTUCKY.

8.	Ottenheim, Ky.	C. J. Mehrtens	176

(D) CANADA.

9.	Edmanton, Alta, Can.	Vacant	86
10.	Strathcona, Alta, Can.	M. Ruccius	148
	Hillsdale, Alta, Can.	M. Ruccius	40
	Glover Bar, Alta, Can.	M. Ruccius	24
11.	Leduc, Alta, Can.	J. Hensen	120
12.	Lutherhort, Alta, Can.	O. Mordhorst	100
13.	Bruederheim, Can.	A. Lilge	55
	Beaver Hills, Can.	A. Lilge	50
14.	Wetaskiwin, Alta, Can.	G. Weise, Sr.	388
15.	Red Deer Lake, Alta, Can.	F. Bredlow	176
	New Norway, Alta, Can.	F. Bredlow	20
	Pipestone, Alta, Can.	F. Bredlow	41
	Beaver Lake, Alta, Can.	F. Bredlow	19
16.	Gretna, Man., Can.	Geo. Runge	350
	Rosenfield, Man., Can.	Geo. Runge	150
	New Deutschland, Man., Can.	Geo. Runge	85

GERMAN HOME MISSION STATISTICS—(Continued)

	Morris, Man., Can.	Geo. Runge	35
17.	Rosthern, Sask., Can.	H. Walbaum	153
	Stony Hill, Sask., Can.	H. Walbaum	85
	Silver Grove, Sask., Can.	H. Walbaum	27
18.	Beausejour, Man., Can.	Vacant	85
	Greenbay, Man., Can.	Vacant	90
	Brokenhead, Man., Can.	Vacant	60
	Whitemouth, Man., Can.	Vacant	40
19.	Friedensthal, Man., Can.	H. Becker	338
	Niverville, Can.	H. Becker	104
	Overstone, Can.	H. Becker	50
20.	Pheasant Forks, Assa., Can.	R. Hauptmann	160
	Beaver Hills, Assa., Can.	R. Hauptmann	180
	Edenland, Assa., Can.	R. Hauptmann	210
21.	Louise Bridge, Man., Can.	Vacant	75
22.	Mable Lake, British Columbia	F. Pempeit	79
	Vernon, British Columbia	F. Pempeit	27

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